

May, but we will serue the LORD.

22 And Joshua said vnto the people, Wee are witnesses against your selues, that yee haue chosen you the LORD, to serue him. And they said, We are witnesses.

23 Now therefore put away, said he, the strange gods which are among you, and encline your heart vnto the LORD God of Israel.

24 And the people saide vnto Joshua; The LORD our God will we serue, and his voice will we obey.

25 So Joshua made a couenant with the people that day, and set them a Statute, & an Ordinance in Shechem.

26 And Joshua wrote these words in the booke of the Law of God, and tooke a great stone, and set it vp there, vnder an oake, that was by the Sanctuary of the LORD.

27 And Joshua saide vnto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness vnto vs; for it hath heard all the words of the LORD which hee spake vnto vs; it shall be there for a witness vnto you, lest ye deny your God.

28 So Joshua let the people depart, euery man vnto his inheritance.

29 And it came to passe after these things, that Joshua the sonne of Nun the seruant of the LORD died, being an hundred and ten yeeres old.

30 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-Serah, which is in mount Ephraim, on the North side of the hill of Gaath.

31 And Israel serued the LORD all the dayes of Joshua, & all the dayes of the Elders that ouerliued Joshua, and which had knowen al the works of the LORD, that he had done for Israel.

32 And the bones of Ioseph, which the children of Israel brought vp out of Egypt, buried they in Shechem, in a parcell of ground which Iacob bought of the sonnes of Hamor the father of Shechem, for an hundred pieces of silver; and it became the inheritance of the children of Ioseph.

33 And Eleazar the sonne of Aaron died, and they buried him in a hill that pertained to Phinehas his son, which was giuen him in mount Ephraim.

* Chap. 19.
50. iudg. 2.
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† Hebr. pro-
longed their
dayes after
Joshua.

* Gen. 50.
25. exod.
13. 19.

* Gene. 33.
19.

Or, lambi.



THE BOOKE OF Iudges.

CHAP. I.

1 The actes of Iudah and Simeon. 4 Adoni-bezek iustly requited. 8 Hierusalem taken. 10 Hebron taken. 11 Othniel hath Achsah to wife for taking of Debir. 16 The Kenites dwel in Iudah. 17 Hormah, Gaza, Askelon and Ekron taken. 21 The actes of Benjamin. 22 Of the house of Ioseph, who take Bethel. 30 Of Zebulun. 31 Of Asher. 33 Of Naphtali. 34 Of Dan.

NOW after the death of Joshua, it came to passe, that the children of Israel asked the LORD, saying, who shall goe vp for vs against the Canaanites first, to fight against them?

2 And the LORD sayd, Iudah shall goe vp: Behold, I haue deliuered the land into his hand.

3 And Iudah saide vnto Simeon his brother, Come vp with me into my lot, that wee may fight against the Canaanites, and I likewise will goe with thee into thy lot. So Simeon went with him.

4 And Iudah went vp, and the LORD deliuered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand: and they slew of them in Bezek ten thousand men.

5 And they found Adoni-bezek in Bezek: and they fought against him, and they slew the Canaanites, and the Perizzites.

6 But Adoni-bezek fled, and they pursued after him, and caught him, and cut off his thumbes, and his great toes.

7 And

7 And Adoni-bezek said, Three score & ten kings, having their thumbs and their great toes cut off, gathered their meate vnder my table: as I haue done, so God hath requited mee, and they brought him to Jerusalem, and there he died.

8 (Now the children of Judah had fought against Jerusalem, and had taken it, and smitten it with the edge of the sword, and set the citie on fire)

9 ¶ And afterward the children of Judah went downe to fight against the Canaanites that dwelt in the mountaine, & in the South, and in the valley.

10 And Judah went against the Canaanites that dwelt in Hebron (nowe the name of Hebron before was Kiriath-arba) and they slew Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai.

11 And from thence he went against the inhabitants of Debir, (the name of Debir before was Kiriath-sepher)

12 And Caleb said, Hee that smiteth Kiriath-sepher, and taketh it, to him will I giue Achsah my daughter to wife.

13 And Othniel the sonne of Kenaz Calebs yonger brother tooke it: and he gaue him Achsah his daughter to wife.

14 And it came to passe when shee came to him, that she moued him to aske of her father a field: and shee lighted from off her asse, and Caleb said vnto her, what wilt thou?

15 And she said vnto him, Giue me a blessing: for thou hast giuen mee a South land, giue me also springs of water. And Caleb gaue her the vpper springs, and the nether springs.

16 ¶ And the children of the Kenite, Moses father in law, went vp out of the citie of palme trees, with the children of Judah into the wilderness of Judah, which lieth in the South of Arad, and they went and dwelt among the people.

17 And Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they slew the Canaanites that inhabited Zephath, and vtterly destroyed it, (and the name of the citie was called Hormah.)

18 Also Judah tooke Gaza with the coast thereof, and Askelon with the coast thereof, and Ekron with the coast thereof.

19 And the LORD was with Judah, and hee drave out the inhabitants of the mountaine, but could not drue out

the inhabitants of the valley, because they had charrets of yron.

20 And they gaue Hebron vnto Caleb, *as Moses saide: and hee expelled thence the three sonnes of Anak.

21 And the children of Benjamin did not drue out the Jebusites that inhabited Jerusalem: but the Jebusites dwelt with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem, vnto this day.

22 ¶ And the house of Joseph, they also went vp against Bethel: and the LORD was with them.

23 And the house of Joseph sent to descrie Bethel (now the name of the citie before was Luz)

24 And the spies sawe a man come forth out of the citie, and they said vnto him, Shew vs, wee pray thee, the entrance into the citie, and *we will shew thee mercie.

25 And when hee shewed them the entrance into the citie, they smote the citie with the edge of the sword: but they let goe the man and all his familie.

26 And the man went into the lande of the Hittites, and built a citie, and called the name thereof Luz: which is the name thereof vnto this day.

27 ¶ Neither did Manasseh drue out the inhabitants of Bethshean, and her townes, nor Taanach and her townes, nor the inhabitants of Dor, and her townes, nor the inhabitants of Ibleam, and her townes, nor the inhabitants of Megiddo, and her townes: but the Canaanites would dwelt in that land.

28 And it came to passe when Israel was strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute, and did not vtterly drue them out.

29 ¶ Neither did Ephraim drue out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gazer: but the Canaanites dwelt in Gazer among them.

30 ¶ Neither did Zebulun drue out the inhabitants of Kitron, nor the inhabitants of Nahalol: but the Canaanites dwelt among them, and became tributaries.

31 ¶ Neither did Asher drue out the inhabitants of Accho, nor the inhabitants of Zidon, nor of Ahlab, nor Achzib, nor Helbath, nor Aphik, nor of Rehob:

32 But the Asherites dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: for they did not drue them out.

33 ¶ Nei-

* Num. 14.
24. iosh. 14
13. & 15.
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* Gen. 28.
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* Iosh. 2. 14

* Iosh. 17.
11, 12.

* Iosh. 16.
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† Helr. the
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|| Or, gleaned

* Iosh. 10.
36. and 11.
21. and 15.
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|| Or, lowe
countrey.

* Iosh. 15.
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* Num. 21.
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|| Or, hepos-
sessed the
mountaine.

33 Neither did Naphtali drive out the inhabitants of Bethshemesh, nor the inhabitants of Bethanath, but hee dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: nevertheless, the inhabitants of Bethshemesh, and of Bethanath, became tributaries unto them.

34 And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountaine: for they would not suffer them to come downe to the valley.

35 But the Amorites would dwell in mount Heres in Aialon, & in Shaalbim: yet the hand of the house of Joseph prevailed, so that they became tributaries.

36 And the coast of the Amorites was from the going up to Akkrabbim, from the rocke, and upward.

CHAP. II.

1 An Angel rebuketh the people at Bochim.

6 The wickednesse of the new generation after Ioshua. 14 Gods anger and pitie towards them. 20 The Canaanites are left to proove Israel.

AND an Angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to goe up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I swore unto your fathers, and I said, I will never breake my Covenant with you.

2 And * yee shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land, * you shall throw downe their altars: But ye have not obeyed my voyce; why have ye done this?

3 Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you: but they shall be * as thornes in your sides, and their gods shall be a * snare unto you.

4 And it came to passe when the Angel of the LORD spake these words unto all the children of Israel, that the people lift up their voice, and wept.

5 And they called the name of that place * Bochim: and they sacrificed there unto the LORD.

6 And when Ioshua had let the people goe, the children of Israel went every man unto his inheritance, to possess the land.

7 And the people served the LORD all the dayes of Ioshua, and all the

dayes of the Elders that outlived Ioshua, who had seene all the great workes of the LORD, that hee did for Israel.

8 And Ioshua the sonne of Nun, the servant of the LORD died, being an hundred and ten yeeres old.

9 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the mount of Ephraim, on the North side of the hill Gaash.

10 And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the workes which hee had done for Israel.

11 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim:

12 And they forsooke the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger.

13 And they forsooke the LORD, and served Baal and Ashtaroth.

14 And the anger of the LORD was hote against Israel, and hee delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and * he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies.

15 Whither soever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for evil, as the LORD had said, and * as the LORD had sworn unto them: and they were greatly distressed.

16 Nevertheless, the LORD raised up Judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them.

17 And yet they would not hearken unto their Judges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way, which their fathers walked in, obeying the Commandments of the LORD; but they did not so.

18 And when the LORD raised them up Judges, then the LORD was with the Judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies, all the dayes of the Judge (for it repented the LORD, because of their groanings by reason

† Hebr. was heavy.

|| Or, Maale-Akrabbim.

|| Or, messenger.

* Deut. 7. 2.
* Deut. 12.
3.

* Iosh. 23.
13.
* Exod. 23.
33. and 34.
12.

* That is, weepers.

† Hebr. prolonged dayes after Ioshua.

* Psal. 44.
12. isa. 50.
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* Leuit. 26.
deut. 28.

† Hebr. joined.

reason of them that oppressed them, and bered them:)

19 And it came to passe * When the Judge was dead, that they returned, and || corrupted themselues more then their fathers, in following other gods, to serue them, and to bow downe vnto them: † they ceased not from their owne doings, nor from their stubborne way.

20 And the anger of the LORD was hote against Israel, and he said, Because that this people hath transgressed my Couenant which I commanded their fathers, and haue not hearkened vnto my voice:

21 I also will not henceforth driue out any from before them of the nations which Joshua left when he died:

22 That through them I may proue Israel, whether they will keepe the way of the LORD, to walke therein, as their fathers did keepe it, or not.

23 Therefore the LORD || left those nations, without driving them out hastily, neither deliuered he them into the hand of Joshua.

CHAP. III.

1 The nations which were left to proue Israel.

6 By communion with them they commit idolatrie. 8 Othniel deliuereth them from Chushan-Rishathaim. 12 Ehud from Eglon. 31 Shamgar from the Philistines.

NOW these are the nations which the LORD left, to proue Israel by them, (euen as many of Israel as had not knowen all the warres of Canaan;

2 Onely that the generations of the children of Israel might know to teach them warre, at the least such as before knew nothing thereof:)

3 Namely five lords of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Sidonians, and the Hittites that dwelt in mount Lebanon, from mount Baal-hermon, vnto the entering in of Hamath.

4 And they were to proue Israel by them, to know whether they would hearken vnto the Commandements of the LORD, which hee commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.

5 And the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, Hittites, and Amorites, and Perizzites, and Hittites, and Jebusites,

6 And they tooke their daughters to be their wiues, and gaue their daughters to their sonnes, and serued their gods.

7 And the children of Israel did euill in the sight of the LORD, and forgate the LORD their God, and serued Baalim, and the groues.

8 Therefore the anger of the LORD was hote against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Chushan-Rishathaim king of † Mesopotamia: and the children of Israel serued Chushan-Rishathaim eight yeeres.

9 And when the children of Israel cryed vnto the LORD, the LORD raised vp a † deliuerer to the children of Israel, who deliuered them, euen Othniel the sonne of Kenaz, Calebs yonger brother.

10 And the Spirit of the LORD † came vpon him, and he iudged Israel, and went out to warre, & the LORD deliuered Chushan-Rishathaim king of † Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand preuailed against Chushan-Rishathaim.

11 And the land had rest forty yeres: and Othniel the sonne of Kenaz died.

12 And the children of Israel did euill againe in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done euill in the sight of the LORD.

13 And hee gathered vnto him the children of Ammon, and Amalek, and went and smote Israel, and possessed the city of Palme-trees.

14 So the children of Israel serued Eglon the King of Moab eightene yeeres.

15 But when the children of Israel cried vnto the LORD, the LORD raised them vp a deliuerer, Ehud the sonne of Gera, || a Beniamite, a man || left handed: and by him the children of Israel sent a Present vnto Eglon the king of Moab.

16 But Ehud made him a dagger (which had two edges) of a cubite length, and he did gird it vnder his raiment, vpon his right thigh,

17 And he brought the present vnto Eglon king of Moab: and Eglon was a very fat man.

18 And when he had made an end to offer the Present, he sent away the people that bare the Present.

19 But

* Chap. 3.
12.
|| Or, were
corrupt.

† Hebr. they
let nothing
fall of their.

† Hebr. A-
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raim.

† Hebr. Sa-
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† Hebr. was.

† Hebr. A-
ram.

|| Or, the
sonne of Je-
mini.
† Hebr. sent
of his right
hand.

Ehud killeth Eglon. Iudges. Deborah, Barak.

CHAP. IIII.

1 Deborah and Barak deliuer them from Iabin and Sisera. 18 Iael killeth Sisera.

AND the children of Israel againe did euil in the sight of the LORD, when Ehud was dead.

2 And the LORD sold them into the hande of Jabin king of Canaan: that reigned in Hazor, the capitaine of whose host was Sisera, which dwelt in Harosheth of the Gentiles.

3 And the children of Israel cried vnto the LORD: for he had nine hundred charrets of yron: and twentie yeres hee mightily oppressed the children of Israel.

4 And Deborah a prophetesse, the wife of Lapidoth, shee iudged Israel at that time.

5 And shee dwelt vnder the palme tree of Deborah, betweene Ramah and Bethel in mount Ephraim: and the children of Israel came by to her for iudgement.

6 And shee sent and called Barak the sonne of Abinoam, out of Kedesh-Naphtali, and said vnto him, Hath not the LORD God of Israel commaunded, saying, Goe, and drawe toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali, and of the children of Zebulun:

7 And I wil draw vnto thee to the *riuer Kishon, Sisera the captaine of Jabin's army, with his charrets, and his multitude, and I will deliuer him into thine hand.

8 And Barak said vnto her, If thou wilt goe with me, then I wil goe: but if thou wilt not goe with mee, then I will not goe.

9 And she said, I wil surely go with thee, notwithstanding the iourney that thou takest, shal not be for thine honor: for the LORD shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose, & went with Barak to Kedesh.

10 And Barak called Zebulun, and Naphtali to Kedesh, and he went by with ten thousand men at his feete: and Deborah went by with him.

11 Now Heber the Kenite, which was of the children of *Hobab the father in law of Moses, had severed himselfe from the Kenites, and pitched his tent vnto the plaine of Zaanaim, which is by Kedesh.

12 And

19 But hee himselfe turned againe from the || quarries that were by Gilgal, and said, I haue a secret errand vnto thee, O king: who said, Keepe silence. And all that stood by him, went out from him.

20 And Ehud came vnto him, and he was sitting in † a Summer parlour, which hee had for himselfe alone: And Ehud said, I haue a message from God vnto thee. And he arose out of his seat.

21 And Ehud put forth his left hand, and tooke the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly.

22 And the haft also went in after the blade: and the fatte closed vpon the blade, so that hee could not drawe the dagger out of his belly, and the || dirt came out.

23 Then Ehud went forth through the porche, and shut the doores of the parlour vpon him, and locked them.

24 When he was gone out, his seruants came, and when they saw, that behold, the doores of the parlour were locked, they said, Surely he || couereth his feet in his Summer chamber.

25 And they taried till they were ashamed: and behold, he opened not the doores of the parlour, therefore they tooke a key, and opened them: and behold, their lord was fallen downe dead on the earth.

26 And Ehud escaped while they taried: and passed beyond the quarries, and escaped vnto Seirath.

27 And it came to passe when hee was come, that hee blew a trumpet in the mountaine of Ephraim, and the children of Israel went downe with him from the mount, & he before them.

28 And hee said vnto them, Follow after me: for the LORD hath deliuered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went downe after him, and tooke the fords of Jordan toward Moab, and suffered not a man to passe ouer.

29 And they slewe of Moab at that time about ten thousand men, all † lusty, and all men of valour, and there escaped not a man.

30 So Moab was subdued that day vnder the hand of Israel: and the land had rest fourescore yeres.

31 And after him was Shamgar the sonne of Anath, which slew of the Philistines six hundred men with an ore goad, and he also deliuered Israel.

|| Or, grauen images.

† Heb. a parlour of cooling.

|| Or, it came out at the fundament.

|| Or, doth his casement.

† Heb. fat.

* Psal. 83. 9, 10.

* Numb. 10. 29.

12 And they shewed Sifera, that Barak the sonne of Abinoam was gone vp to mount Tabor.

13 And Sifera ^{† Hebr. gathered by cry or proclamation.} gathered together all his charrets, euen nine hundred charrets of iron, and all the people that were with him, from Harosheth of the Gentiles, vnto the riuier of Kishon.

14 And Deborah said vnto Barak, Up, for this is the day in which the LORD hath deliuered Sifera into thine hand: Is not the LORD gone out before thee: so Barak went downe from mount Tabor, and ten thousand men after him.

15 And the * LORD discomfited Sifera, and all his charrets, and all his hoste with the edge of the sword, before Barak: so that Sifera lighted downe off his charet, and fled away on his feet.

16 But Barak pursued after the charrets, and after the hoste vnto Harosheth of the Gentiles, and all the host of Sifera fell vpon the edge of the sword; and there was not ^{† Hebr. vnto one.} a man left.

17 Howbeit Sifera fled away on his feet, to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite: for there was peace betweene Jabin the king of Hazor, and the house of Heber the Kenite.

18 And Jael went out to meete Sifera, and said vnto him, Turne in, my lord, turne in to me, feare not. And when hee had turned in vnto her, into the tent, shee couered him with a mantle.

19 And he said vnto her, Giue me, I pray thee, a litle water to drinke, for I am thirstie. And she opened * a bottle of milke, and gaue him drinke, and couered him.

20 Againe he said vnto her, Stand in the doore of the tent, and it shall bee when any man doeth come and enquire of thee and say, Is there any man here: that thou shalt say, No.

21 Then Jael Hebers wife, ^{† Hebr. put.} tooke a naile of the tent, and tooke an hammer in her hand, and went softly vnto him, and smote the naile into his temples, and fastened it into the ground: (for he was fast asleepe, and weary;) so he died.

22 And behold, as Barak pursued Sifera, Jael came out to meet him, and said vnto him, Come, and I will shew thee the man whom thou seekest. And when he came into her tent, behold, Si-

sera lay dead, and the naile was in his temples.

23 So God subdued on that day, Jabin the king of Canaan, before the children of Israel.

24 And the hand of the children of Israel ^{† Hebr. going, went and was hard.} prospered, & preuailed against Jabin the king of Canaan, vntill they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

C H A P. V.

1 The Song of Deborah and Barak.

Then sang Deborah, and Barak the son of Abinoam, on that day, saying,
2 Praise ye the LORD, for the auenging of Israel, when the people willingly offered themselves.

3 Heare, O ye kings, giue eare, O ye Princes: I, euen I will sing vnto the LORD, I will sing praise to the LORD God of Israel.

4 LORD, * When thou wentest out of Seir, when thou marchest out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled, and the heauens dropped, the clouds also dropped water.

5 * The mountaines ^{† Hebr. melted from before the LORD, euen * that Sinai, from before the LORD God of Israel.} melted from before the LORD, euen * that Sinai, from before the LORD God of Israel.

6 In the dayes of * Shamgar the son of Anath, in the dayes of * Jael, the high wayes were vnoccupied, and the ^{† Hebr. walkers of paths.} traueilers walked thorow by-wayes.

7 The inhabitants of the villages ceased, they ceased in Israel, vntill that J Deborah arose, that J arose a mother in Israel.

8 They chose new gods: then was warre in the gates: was there a shield or speare seene among fourtie thousand in Israel?

9 My heart is toward the gouer-nours of Israel, that offered themselves willingly among the people: ^{† Hebr. crooked wayes.} Blesse ye the LORD.

10 ^{† Hebr. righteousnesses of the Lord.} Speake yee that ride on white asses, yee that sit in Iudgement, and walke by the way.

11 They that are deliuered from the noise of Archers in the places of drawing water: there shall they rehearse the righteous acts of the LORD, euen the ^{† Hebr. righteousnesses of the Lord.} righteous acts towards the inhabitants of his villages in Israel: then shall the people of the LORD goe downe to the gates.

The song of Iudges. Deborah and Barak.

12 Awake, awake Deborah: awake, awake, utter a song: arise Barak, and leade thy captiuitie captive, thou sonne of Abinoam.

13 Then hee made him that remaineth, haue dominion ouer the Nobles among the people: the LORD made me haue dominion ouer the mightie.

14 Out of Ephraim was there a roote of them against Amalek, after thee Benjamin, among thy people: Out of Machir came downe gouernours, and out of Zebulun they that handle the pen of the writer.

15 And the princes of Issachar were with Deborah: euen Issachar, and also Barak, he was sent on foot into the valley: for the diuisions of Reuben, there were great thoughts of heart.

16 Why abodest thou among the sheepfolds, to heare the bleatings of the flocks: for the diuisions of Reuben there were great searchings of heart.

17 Gilead abode beyond Jordan: and why did Dan remaine in ships: Asher continued on the sea shore, and abode in his breaches.

18 Zebulun and Naphtali were a people that ieoparded their liues vnto the death, in the high places of the field.

19 The kings came and fought, then fought the kings of Canaan in Taanach by the waters of Megiddo, they tooke no gaine of money.

20 They fought from heauen, the starres in their courses fought against Sisera.

21 The riuier of Kishon swept them away, that ancient riuier, the riuier Kishon: O my soule, thou hast troden downe strength.

22 Then were the horse hooves broken, by the meanes of the pransings, the pransings of their mightie ones.

23 Curse ye Meroz (said the Angel of the LORD) curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof: because they came not to the helpe of the LORD, to the helpe of the LORD against the mighty.

24 Blessed aboue women shall Iael the wife of Heber the Kenite be, blessed shall she be aboue women in the tent.

25 He asked water, and she gaue him milke, shee brought forth butter in a lordly dish.

26 Shee put her hand to the naile, and her right hand to the workemens hammer: and with the hammer shee smote Sisera, shee smote off his head,

When she had pearced & striken through his temples.

27 At her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay downe: at her feet he bowed, he fell: where he bowed, there he fel down dead.

28 The mother of Sisera looked out at a window, and cried through the lattesse, why is his charet so long in coming: why tarie the wheelles of his charrets:

29 Her wise ladies answered her, yea she returned & answered to her selfe,

30 Haue they not sped: haue they not diuided the pray to euery man a damo- sell or two: Lo Sisera a pray of diuers colours, a pray of diuers colours, of neede worke, of diuers colours of needle worke on both sides, meet for the necks of them that take the spoile:

31 So let all thine enemies perish, O LORD: but let them that loue him, be as the Sunne when he goeth forth in his might. And the land had rest fourety yeeres.

CHAP. VI.

1 The Israelites for their sinne are oppressed by Midian. 8 A prophet rebuketh them. 11 An Angel sendeth Gideon for their deliuerance. 17 Gideons Present is consumed with fire. 24 Gideon destroyeth Baals altar, and offreth a sacrifice vpon the altar Iehouah-shalom. 28 Ioash defendeth his son, & calleth him Ierubbaal. 33 Gideons armie. 36 Gideons signes.

AND the children of Israel did euill in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD deliuered them into the hande of Midian seven yeeres.

2 And the hand of Midian preuailed against Israel: and because of the Midianites, the children of Israel made them the dennes which are in the mountaines, and caues, & strong holds.

3 And so it was when Israel had sownen, that the Midianites came vp, & the Amalekites, & the children of the East, euen they came vp against them,

4 And they encamped against them, and destroyed the increase of the earth, till thou come vnto Gaza, and left no sustenance for Israel, neither sheepe, nor ore, nor asse.

5 For they came vp with their cattell and their tents, and they came as Grasshoppers for multitude, for both they and their camels were without number:

† Heb. drawe with the pen, &c.

† Heb. his feet.
|| Or, in the diuisions, &c.

† Heb. im-pressions.
|| Or, in.

|| Or, port.
|| Or, creeks.

† Heb. exposed to reproch.

† Heb. paths.

|| Or, tramp- lings, or plungings.

† Heb. ham-mered.

† Heb. be- twene.

† Heb. de- stroyed.

† Heb. words

† Heb. to the head of a man.

† Heb. for the neckes of the spoile.

† Heb. was strong.

|| Or, goats.

Gideon and the Chap.vj. Angel. Baals altar.

number: and they entred into the land to destroy it.

6 And Israel was greatly impou-
rished, because of the Midianites, and
the children of Israel cryed vnto the
LORD.

7 And it came to passe when
the children of Israel cryed vnto the
LORD, because of the Midianites,

8 That the LORD sent † a Pro-
phet vnto the children of Israel, which
said vnto them: Thus saith the LORD
God of Israel, I brought you vp from
Egypt, and brought you forth out of the
house of bondage,

9 And I deliuered you out of the
hand of the Egyptians, and out of the
hand of al that oppressed you, and draue
them out from before you, and gaue
you their land:

10 And I said vnto you, I am the
LORD your God, * feare not the gods
of the Amorites in whose land ye dwel:
But ye haue not obeyed my voice.

11 And there came an Angel of
the LORD, and sate vnder an Oake
which was in Ophrah, that pertained vn-
to Joash the Abi-Ezrite: and his sonne
* Gideon threshed wheat by the wine-
presse, † to hide it from the Midianites.

12 And the Angel of the LORD
appeared vnto him, and said vnto him,
The LORD is with thee, thou migh-
tie man of valour.

13 And Gideon said vnto him, Oh
my Lord, if the LORD bee with vs,
why then is all this befallen vs: and
where be all his miracles which our fa-
thers tolde vs of, saying, Did not the
LORD bring vs vp from Egypt: but
now the LORD hath forsaken vs, and
deliuered vs into the hands of the Mi-
dianites.

14 And the LORD looked vpon
him, and said, Goe in this thy might,
and thou shalt saue Israel from the
hand of the Midianites: haue not I
sent thee?

15 And hee said vnto him, Oh my
lord, wherewith shall I saue Israel:
behold, my family is poore in Manas-
seh, and I am the least in my fathers
house.

16 And the LORD said vnto him,
Surely I will be with thee, and thou
shalt smite the Midianites, as one man.

17 And he said vnto him, If now I
haue found grace in thy sight, then shew
me a signe, that thou talkest with me.

18 Depart not hence, I pray thee,
vntil I come vnto thee, and bring forth
my || Present, and set it before thee. And
hee saide, I will tary vntill thou come
again.

19 And Gideon went in, and made
ready † a kid, and vnleauened cakes of
an Ephah of floure: the flesh he put in a
basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and
brought it out vnto him vnder the oake,
and presented it.

20 And the Angel of God sayd vn-
to him, Take the flesh, and the vnleue-
ned cakes, and lay them vpon this
rocke, and powre out the broth. And he
did so.

21 Then the Angel of the LORD
put forth the end of the staffe that was
in his hand, and touched the flesh, and
the vnleauened cakes, and there rose vp
fire out of the rocke, and consumed the
flesh and the vnleauened cakes: then
the Angel of the LORD departed out
of his sight.

22 And when Gideon perceiued that
hee was an Angel of the LORD, Gi-
deon said, Alas, O Lord GOD: * for
because I haue seene an Angel of the
LORD face to face.

23 And the LORD said vnto him,
Peace be vnto thee, feare not, thou shalt
not die.

24 Then Gideon built an Altar
there vnto the LORD, and called it
|| Jehouah-shalom: vnto this day it is
yet in Ophrah, of the Abi-Ezrites.

25 And it came to passe the same
night, that the LORD said vnto him,
Take thy fathers yong bullocke, || euen
the second bullocke of seuen yeeres old,
and throw downe the altar of Baal
that thy father hath, and cut downe the
groue that is by it:

26 And builde an Altar vnto the
LORD thy God vpon the top of this
† rocke, in || the ordered place, and take
the second bullocke, and offer a burnt
sacrifice with the wood of the groue,
which thou shalt cut downe.

27 Then Gideon tooke ten men of
his seruants, and did as the LORD
had said vnto him: And so it was be-
cause hee feared his fathers household,
and the men of the city, that he could
not doe it by day, that hee did it by
night.

28 And when the men of the citie
arose early in the morning, behold, the
altar of Baal was cast downe, and the
groue

|| Or, meat
offering.

† Hebr. a
kid of the
goates.

† Hebr. a
man, a Pro-
phet.

* 2. King.
17.35, 38.
Jerem. 10. 2.

* Feb. 11.
32 called
Gideon.
† Iebr. to
cast it to
fly.

* Exod. 33.
20. chap.
13. 22.

|| That is,
The Lord
send peace.

|| Or, and.

† Hebr.
strong place.
|| Or, in an
orderly ma-
ner.

|| Or, my
hand is
thine.

groue was cut downe that was by it, and the second bullocke was offered vpon the altar that was built.

29 And they said one to another, who hath done this thing? And when they enquired and asked, they said, Gideon the sonne of Joash hath done this thing.

30 Then the men of the citie said vnto Joash, Bring out thy sonne, that he may die: because he hath cast downe the altar of Baal, and because hee hath cut downe the groue that was by it.

31 And Joash said vnto all that stood against him, Will ye pleade for Baal: Will ye saue him? He that will plead for him, let him be put to death whilest it is yet morning: if he be a god, let him plead for himselfe, because one hath cast down his altar.

32 Therefore on that day hee called him Jerubbaal, saying, Let Baal plead against him, because hee hath throwen downe his altar.

33 Then all the Midianites, and the Amalekites, and the children of the East were gathered together, and went ouer, and pitched in the valley of Jezreel.

34 But the Spirit of the LORD came vpon Gideon, and hee [†]blewe a trumpet, and Abiezer [†]was gathered after him.

35 And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh, who also was gathered after him, and hee sent messengers vnto Asher, and vnto Zebulun, and vnto Naphtali, and they came vp to meete them.

36 And Gideon said vnto God, If thou wilt saue Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said,

37 Beholde, I will put a fleece of wooll in the floore: and if the dew be on the fleece onely, and it bee drie vpon all the earth beside, then shall I know that thou wilt saue Israel by my hande, as thou hast said.

38 And it was so: for he rose vpearely on the morrow, and thrust the fleece together, and wringed the dew out of the fleece, a bowle full of water.

39 And Gideon said vnto God, ^{*}Let not thine anger be hote against me, and I will speake but this once: Let mee proue, I pray thee, but this once with the fleece. Let it now be drie onely vpon the fleece, and vpon all the ground let there be dew.

40 And God did so that night: for it was drie vpon the fleece onely, and there was dew on all the ground.

CHAP. VII.

1 Gideons armie of two and thirtie thousand is brought to three hundred. 9 He is encouraged by the dreame and interpretation of the barley cake. 16 His stratageme of trumpets and lampes in pitchers. 24 The Ephraimites take Oreb and Zeeb.

Then Jerubbaal (who is Gideon) and all the people that were with him, rose vpearely, and pitched beside the well of Harod: so that the hoste of the Midianites were on the North side of them by the hill of Moreh, in the valley.

2 And the LORD said vnto Gideon, The people that are with thee, are too many for me to giue the Midianites into their handes, lest Israel vaunt themselves against mee, saying, Mine owne hand hath saued me.

3 Now therefore go to, proclaime in the eares of the people, saying, ^{*}Who soeuer is fearefull and afraid, let him returne and depart earely from mount Gilead: and there returned of the people twentie and two thousand, & there remained ten thousand.

4 And the LORD said vnto Gideon, The people are yet too many: bring them downe vnto the water, and I will trie them for thee there: and it shall bee that of whome I say vnto thee, This shall goe with thee, the same shall goe with thee: and of whomsoever I say vnto thee, This shall not goe with thee, the same shall not goe.

5 So he brought downe the people vnto the water: and the LORD said vnto Gideon, Euery one that lappeth of the water with his tongue as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himselfe, likewise euery one that boweth downe vpon his knees to drinke.

6 And the number of them that lapped putting their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed downe vpon their knees to drinke water.

7 And the LORD said vnto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped, will I saue you, and deliuer the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the other people goe euery man vnto his place.

8 So

† Hebr. clothed.
* Num. 10.
3. chap. 3.
27.
† Heb. was called after him.

* Gen. 18.
32.

* Deut. 20.8
1. mac. 3.56

A dreame declared. Chap.vij. Midian destroyed.

8 So the people tooke victuals in their hand, and their trumpets: and he sent all the rest of Israel, euery man vnto his tent, and reteined those three hundred men: and the hoste of Midian was beneath him in the valley.

9 And it came to passe the same night, that the LORD sayd vnto him, Arise, get thee downe vnto the hoste, for I haue deliuered it into thine hand.

10 But if thou feare to goe downe, goe thou with Phurah thy seruant downe to the hoste.

11 And thou shalt heare what they say, and afterward shall thine handes be strengthened to goe downe vnto the hoste. Then went hee downe, with Phurah his seruant, vnto the outside of the armed men, that were in the hoste.

12 And the Midianites, and the Amalekites, and *all the children of the East, lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude, and their camels were without number, as the sand by the Sea side for multitude.

13 And when Gideon was come, beholde, there was a man that tolde a dreame vnto his fellow, and sayd, Behold, I dreamed a dreame, and loe, a cake of Barley bread tumbled into the hoste of Midian, and came vnto a tent, and smote it that it fell, and ouerturned it, that the tent lay along.

14 And his fellow answered, and said, This is nothing els saue the sword of Gideon the sonne of Joash, a man of Israel: for into his hand hath God deliuered Midian, and all the hoste.

15 And it was so, when Gideon heard the telling of the dreame, and the interpretation thereof, that hee worshipped, and returned into the host of Israel, and sayd, Arise, for the LORD hath deliuered into your hand the host of Midian.

16 And he diuided the three hundred men into three companies, and hee put a trumpet in euery mans hand, with empty pitchers, and lampes within the pitchers,

17 And hee said vnto them, Looke on mee, and doe likewise; and beholde, when I come to the outside of the campe, it shall be that as I doe, so shall ye doe.

18 When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that are with mee, then blow

ye the trumpets also on euery side of all the campe, and say, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon.

19 So Gideon and the hundred men that were with him, came vnto the outside of the campe, in the beginning of the middle watch, and they had but newly set the watch, and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers that were in their hands.

20 And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lampes in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow withall: and they cryed, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon.

21 And they stood euery man in his place, round about the campe: and all the host ranne, and cried, and fled.

22 And the three hundred blew the trumpets, and *the LORD set euery mans sword against his fellow, even throughout all the host: and the host fled to Beth-shittah, in Zererath, and to the border of Abel Meholah, vnto Tabbath.

23 And the men of Israel gathered themselves together out of Naphtali, and out of Asher, and out of all Manasseh, and pursued after the Midianites.

24 And Gideon sent messengers throughout all mount Ephraim, saying; Come downe against the Midianites, and take before them the waters vnto Beth-barah, and Jordan. Then all the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and tooke the waters vnto Beth-barah, and Jordane.

25 And they tooke *two Princes of the Midianites, Oreb, and Zeeb: and they slew Oreb vpon the rocke Oreb, and Zeeb they slew at the winepresse of Zeeb, and pursued Midian, and brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb, to Gideon on the other side Jordan.

CHAP. VIII.

- 1 Gideon pacifieth the Ephraimites. 4 Succoth and Penueel refuse to relieue Gideons army. 10 Zebah and Zalmunna are taken. 13 Succoth and Penueel are destroyed. 17 Gideon reuengeth his brethrens death on Zebah and Zalmunna. 22 Hee refuseth gouernment. 24 His Ephod cause of Idolatry. 28 Midian subdued. 29 Gideons children, and death. 33 The Israelites idolatry, and ingratitude.

* Esay 9. 4.

Or, towards.
† Hebr. lip.

* Psal. 83.
11. csa. 10.
26.

Or, rankes
by fenc.

Chap. 6.
33.

† Hebr. the
breaking
thereof.

† Hebr.
trumpets in
the hand of
all of them.
Or, fire-
brands: or
torches.

† Hebr. what
thing is this,
thou hast
done vnto
vs?

† Hebr.
strongly.

† Hebr. spirit.

† Hebr. thresh

|| Or, an hun-
dred and
twenty thou-
sand, euery
one drawing
a sword.

† Hebr. terri-
fied.

AND the men of Ephraim said vnto him, † why hast thou serued vs thus, that thou calledst vs not when thou wentest to fight with the Midianites: And they did chide with him † sharply.

2 And he said vnto them, what haue I done now in comparison of you: Is not the gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim better then the vintage of Abiezer?

3 God hath deliuered into your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb: and what was I able to doe in comparison of you: then their † anger was abated toward him, when he had said that.

4 **C** And Gideon came to Jordan, and passed ouer, hee, and the three hundred men that were with him, faint, yet pursuing them.

5 And he said vnto the men of Succoth, Giue, I pray you, loaves of bread vnto the people that follow me, for they bee faint, and I am pursuing after Zebah and Zalmunna, kings of Midian.

6 **C** And the princes of Succoth said, Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hands, that wee should giue bread vnto thine armie?

7 And Gideon said, Therefore when the **LORD** hath deliuered Zebah and Zalmunna into mine hand, then I will teare your flesh with the thornes of the wilderness, and with briers.

8 **C** And he went by thence to Peniel, and spake vnto them likewise: and the men of Peniel answered him, as the men of Succoth had answered him.

9 And he spake also vnto the men of Peniel, saying, when I come againe in peace, I will breake downe this towre.

10 **C** Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor, and their hostes with them, about fiftene thousand men, all that were left of all the hostes of the children of the East: for there fell an hundred and twentie thousand men that drew sword.

11 **C** And Gideon went by by the way of them that dwelt in tents, on the East of Robah, and Jogbehah, and smote the host: for the host was secure.

12 And when Zebah and Zalmunna fled, he pursued after them, and took the two kings of Midian, Zebah, and Zalmunna, † discomfited all the host.

13 **C** And Gideon the sonne of Joash

returned from battel before the Sunne was vp,

14 And caught a yong man of the men of Succoth, and enquired of him: and he † described vnto him the princes of Succoth and the elders thereof, euen threescore and seenteene men.

15 And he came vnto the men of Succoth, and said, Behold Zebah and Zalmunna, with whom ye did bpbraide me, saying, Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hand, that we should giue bread vnto thy men that are wearie?

16 And hee tooke the Elders of the citie, and thornes of the wilderness, and briers, and with them hee † taught the men of Succoth.

17 And he beat downe the towre of * Peniel, and slew the men of the citie.

18 **C** Then said he vnto Zebah and Zalmunna, what maner of men were they whom ye slew at Tabor: And they answered, As thou art, so were they, ech one † resembled the children of a king.

19 And hee said, They were my brethren, euen the sonnes of my mother: as the **LORD** liueth, if yee had saued them alieue, I would not slay you.

20 And he said vnto Jether his first borne, Up, and slay them: but the youth drew not his sword: for he feared, because he was yet a youth.

21 Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, Rise thou, and fall vpon vs: for as the man is, so is his strength. And Gideon arose, and slew Zebah and Zalmunna, † tooke away the || ornaments that were on their camels neckes.

22 **C** Then the men of Israel saide vnto Gideon, Rule thou ouer vs, both thou, and thy sonne, † thy sonnes sonne also: for thou hast deliuered vs from the hand of Midian.

23 And Gideon said vnto them, I will not rule ouer you, neither shall my sonne rule ouer you: the **LORD** shall rule ouer you.

24 **C** And Gideon said vnto them, I would desire a request of you, that you would giue me euery man the eare-rings of his pray. For they had golden eare-rings, because they were Ishmaelites.

25 And they answered, we will willingly giue them. And they spread a garment, and did cast therein, euery man the eare-rings of his pray.

26 And the weight of the golden eare-

† Hebr. writ.

† Hebr. made
to know.

* 1. King. 12
25.

† Hebr. accor-
ding to the
forme, &c.

|| Or, orna-
ments like
the moon.

care-rings that hee requested, was a thousand and seven hundred shekels of gold, beside ornaments, and collars, & purple raiment that was on the kings of Midian, and beside the chaines that were about their camels necks.

27 And Gideon made an Ephod thereof, and put it in his citie, euen in Ophrah: and all Israel went thither a whoring after it; which thing became a snare vnto Gideon, and to his house.

28 Thus was Midian subdued before the children of Israel; so that they lifted vp their heads no more: and the countrey was in quietnesse fourtie yeeres, in the dayes of Gideon.

29 And Jerubbaal the sonne of Joash went & dwelt in his owne house.

30 And Gideon had threescore and ten sonnes[†] of his body begotten: for he had many wiues.

31 And his concubine that was in Shechem, shee also bare him a sonne, whose name he[†] called Abimelech.

32 And Gideon the sonne of Joash died, in a good olde age, and was buried in the sepulchre of Joash his father, in Ophrah of the Abi-Ezrites.

33 And it came to passe as soone as Gideon was dead, that the children of Israel turned againe, and went a whoring after Baalim, and made Baal-Berith their god.

34 And the children of Israel remembred not the LORD their God, who had deliuered them out of the hands of all their enemies, on euery side:

35 Neither shewed they kindnesse to the house of Jerubbaal, namely Gideon, according to all the goodnesse which he had shewed vnto Israel.

CHAP. IX.

1 Abimelech by conspiracie with the Shechemites, and murder of his brethren, is made King. 7 Iotham by a parable rebuketh them and foretellet their ruine. 22 Gaal conspireth with the Shechemites against him. 30 Zebul reuealeth it. 34 Abimelech ouercommeth them, and soweth the citie with salt. 46 Hee burneth the holde of the god Berith. 50 At Thebez he is slaine by a piece of a millstone. 56 Iothams curse is fulfilled.

AND Abimelech the sonne of Jerubbaal went to Shechem, vnto his mothers brethren, and communed with them, and

with all the family of the house of his mothers father, saying;

2 Speake, I pray you, in the eares of all the men of Shechem; [†]whether is better for you, either that all the sonnes of Jerubbaal (which are threescore and ten persons) reigne ouer you, or that one reigne ouer you: Remember also, that I am your bone, and your flesh.

3 And his mothers brethren spake of him in the eares of all the men of Shechem, all these wordes, and their hearts inclined to [†]follow Abimelech: for they said, he is our brother.

4 And they gaue him threescore and ten pieces of siluer, out of the house of Baal-Berith, wherewith Abimelech hired vaine & light persons, which followed him.

5 And hee went vnto his fathers house at Ophrah, and slewe his brethren the sonnes of Jerubbaal, being threescore and tenne persons, vpon one stone: notwithstanding, yet Iotham the youngest sonne of Jerubbaal was left, for he hid himselfe.

6 And all the men of Shechem gathered together, and all the house of Millo, and went, and made Abimelech King, by the plaine of the pillar that was in Shechem.

7 And when they told it to Iotham, he went and stood in the top of mount Gerizim, and lift vp his voice, and cried, and said vnto them, Hearken vnto mee, you men of Shechem, that God may hearken vnto you.

8 The trees went forth on a time to annoint a King ouer them, and they said vnto the Olive tree, Reigne thou ouer vs.

9 But the Olive tree saide vnto them, Should I leaue my fatnesse, wherewith by mee they honour God and man, and goe to bee promoted ouer the trees?

10 And the trees said to the Figge tree, Come thou, and reigne ouer vs.

11 But the Figge tree saide vnto them, Should I forsake my sweetnesse, and my good fruit, and goe to be promoted ouer the trees?

12 Then saide the trees vnto the Vine, Come thou, and reigne ouer vs.

13 And the Vine said vnto them, Should I leaue my wine, which cheareth God and man, and goe to be promoted ouer the trees?

14 Then

[†]Heb. What is good? whether &c.

[†]Heb. after.

[†]Or, by the oke of the pillar. See Iosh. 24. 26.

[†]Or, goe vp and downe for other trees.

14 Then said all the trees vnto the
Or, thistle. Bramble, Come thou, and reigne ou-
 uer vs.

15 And the Bramble said vnto the
 trees, If in trueth ye anoint me King
 ouer you, then come, and put your trust
 in my shadow: and if not, let fire come
 out of the Bramble, and deuoure the
 Cedars of Lebanon.

16 Now therefore, if yee haue done
 truely and sincerely, in that yee haue
 made Abimelech King, and if yee haue
 dealt well with Jerubbaal, and his
 house, and haue done vnto him accor-
 ding to the deseruing of his hands:

17 (For my father fought for you,
† Heb. cast his life. and [†]aduentured his life farre, and de-
 liuered you out of the hand of Midian:

18 And yee are risen vp against my
 fathers house this day, and haue slaine
 his sonnes, threescore and ten persons,
 vpon one stone, and haue made Abime-
 lech the sonne of his maidservant, king
 ouer the men of Shechem, because he is
 your brother.)

19 If yee then haue dealt truely and
 sincerely with Jerubbaal, and with his
 house this day, then reioyce yee in Abi-
 melech, and let him also reioyce in you.

20 But if not, let fire come out from
 Abimelech, and deuoure the men of
 Shechem and the house of Millo: and
 let fire come out from the men of She-
 chem, and from the house of Millo, and
 deuoure Abimelech.

21 And Jotham ran away, and fled,
 and went to Beer, and dwelt there for
 feare of Abimelech his brother.

22 When Abimelech had reigned
 three yeeres ouer Israel,

23 Then God sent an euill spirit be-
 twene Abimelech & the men of She-
 chem: and the men of Shechem dealt
 treacherously with Abimelech:

24 That the crueltie done to the
 threescore and ten sonnes of Jerubbaal
 might come, and their blood be laid vpon
 Abimelech their brother which slew
 them, and vpon the men of Shechem
 which [†]aided him in the killing of his
 brethren.
† Heb. strengthened his hands to kill.

25 And the men of Shechem set ly-
 ers in wait for him in the toppe of the
 mountaines, and they robbed all that
 came along that way by them: and it
 was told Abimelech.

26 And Gaal the sonne of Ebed came
 with his brethren, and went ouer to
 Shechem: and the men of Shechem

put their confidence in him.

27 And they went out into the fields,
 and gathered their vineyards, and
 trode the grapes, and made merry, and
 went into the house of their god, and
 did eate and drinke, and cursed Abime-
 lech.
Or, songs.

28 And Gaal the sonne of Ebed said,
 who is Abimelech, and who is She-
 chem, that we should serue him? Is not
 he the sonne of Jerubbaal: and Zebul
 his officer: serue the men of Hamor the
 father of Shechem: for why should we
 serue him?

29 And would to God this people
 were vnder my hand: then would I re-
 moue Abimelech. And he said to Abi-
 melech, Increase thine armie and come
 out.

30 And when Zebul the ruler of
 the citie heard the wordes of Gaal the
 sonne of Ebed, his anger was kindled.
Or, hate.

31 And he sent messengers vnto Abi-
 melech [†]pruily, saying, Behold, Gaal
 the sonne of Ebed, and his brethren, be
 come to Shechem, and behold, they for-
 tifie the citie against thee.
† Heb. craftily, or to Tormah.

32 Now therefore by night, thou
 and the people that is with thee, and lie
 in wait in the field.

33 And it shalbe, that in the morning
 as soone as the Sunne is vp, thou shalt
 rise early, and set vpon the citie: and
 behold, when he and the people that is
 with him, come out against thee, then
 mayest thou doe to them [†]as thou shalt
 finde occasion.
† Heb. as thine hand shall find.

34 And Abimelech rose vp, and
 all the people that were with him, by
 night, and they laid wait against She-
 chem in foure companies.

35 And Gaal the sonne of Ebed went
 out, and stood in the entring of the gate
 of the citie: and Abimelech rose vp, and
 the people that were with him, from ly-
 ing in waite.

36 And when Gaal saw the people,
 he said to Zebul, Behold, there come
 people downe fro the top of the moun-
 taines. And Zebul saide vnto him,
 Thou seest the shadow of the moun-
 taines, as if they were men.

37 And Gaal spake againe, and said,
 See, there come people downe by the
[†]middle of the land, and another com-
 panie come along by the plaine of [†]Be-
 onenim.
† Heb. name.

38 Then said Zebul vnto him, where
 is now thy mouth, wherewith thou saidst,
 who
Or, the re-
gards of
times.

who is Abimelech, that wee should serue him: Is not this the people that thou hast despised: Goe out, I pray now, and fight with them.

39 And Gaal went out before the men of Shechem, and fought with Abimelech.

40 And Abimelech chased him, and hee fledde before him, and many were ouerthrowen and wounded, euen vnto the entring of the gate.

41 And Abimelech dwelt at Arumah: and Zebul thrust out Gaal and his brethren, that they should not dwell in Shechem.

42 And it came to passe on the morrow, that the people went out into the field, and they tolde Abimelech.

43 And he tooke the people, and diuided them into three companies, and laide waite in the field, and looked, and behold, the people were come forth out of the citie, and he rose vp against them, and smote them.

44 And Abimelech, and the companie that was with him, rushed forward, and stood in the entring of the gate of the citie: and the two other companies ranne vpon all the people that were in the fields, and slew them.

45 And Abimelech fought against the citie all that day, and he tooke the citie, and slewe the people that was therein, and beat downe the citie, and sowed it with salt.

46 And when all the men of the tower of Shechem heard that, they entered into an holde of the house of the god Berith.

47 And it was told Abimelech, that all the men of the towre of Shechem were gathered together.

48 And Abimelech gate him vp to mount Zalmon, hee and all the people that were with him, & Abimelech tooke an axe in his hand, and cut downe a bough from the trees, and tooke it, and laide it on his shoulder, and said vnto the people that were with him, what ye haue seene† me doe, make haste, and doe as I haue done.

49 And all the people likewise cut downe euery man his bough, and followed Abimelech, and put them to the holde, and set the holde on fire vpon them: so that all the men of the towre of Shechem died also, about a thousand men and women.

50 Then went Abimelech to The-

bez, and encamped against Thebez, and tooke it.

51 But there was a strong towre within the city, and thither fled all the men and women, and all they of the citie, and shut it to them, and gate them vp to the top of the towre.

52 And Abimelech came vnto the towre, and fought against it, and went hard vnto the doore of the towre, to burne it with fire.

53 And a certaine woman * cast a piece of a millstone vpon Abimelechs head, and all to brake his scull.

* 2.Sam.
11.21.

54 Then hee called hastily vnto the young man his armour-bearer, and said vnto him, Draw thy sword, and slay me, that men say not of me, A woman slewe him: and his young man thrust him through, and he died.

55 And when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, they departed euery man vnto his place.

56 Thus God rendred the wickednesse of Abimelech which hee did vnto his father, in slaying his seuentie brethren.

57 And all the euill of the men of Shechem, did God render vpon their heads: and vpon them came the curse of Jotham the sonne of Jerubbaal.

C H A P. X.

1 Tola iudgeth Israel in Shamir. 3 Iair, whose thirtie sonnes had thirtie cities. 6 The Philistines and Ammonites oppresse Israel. 10 In their miserie, God sendeth them to their false gods. 15 Vpon their repentance, hee pitieth them.

And after Abimelech, there arose to defend Israel, Tola the sonne of Puah, the sonne of Dodo, a man of Issachar, and he dwelt in Shamir in mount Ephraim.

Or, deliner.
Heb. saue.

2 And he iudgeth Israel twenty and three yeeres, and died, and was buried in Shamir.

3 And after him arose Iair a Gileadite, and iudgeth Israel twentie and two yeeres.

4 And hee had thirtie sonnes that rode on thirtie asse-colts, and they had thirtie cities, which are called Hanoth-Iair vnto this day, which are in the land of Gilead.

Or, the vil-
lages of Iair.

5 And Iair died, and was buried in Camon.

6 And

† Heb. I
haue done.

* Chap. 2.
11. and 3. 7.
and 4. 1. &
6. 1. & 13. 1
* Chap. 2.
13.

6 And* the children of Israel did euill againe in the sight of the LORD, and serued Baalim and * Ashtaroth, and the gods of Syria, and the gods of Zidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the children of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines, and forsooke the LORD, and serued not him.

7 And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and hee solde them into the hands of the Philistines, and into the hands of the children of Ammon.

† Hebr. crushed.

8 And that yere they vexed and † oppressed the children of Israel: eightene yeeres, all the children of Israel that were on the other side Jordan, in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead.

9 Moreover, the children of Ammon passed ouer Jordan, to fight also against Iudah, and against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim; so that Israel was sore distressed.

10 And the children of Israel cried vnto the LORD, saying, Wee haue sinned against thee, both because wee haue forsaken our God, and also serued Baalim.

11 And the LORD said vnto the children of Israel, Did not I deliuer you from the Egyptians, and from the Amorites, from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines?

12 The Zidonians also and the Amalekites, and the Moabites did oppresse you, and ye cried to me, and I deliuered you out of their hand.

* Deut. 32.
15. ierem. 2.
13.

13 * Yet ye haue forsaken me, and serued other gods: wherefore I will deliuer you no more.

14 Go, and cry vnto the gods which ye haue chosen, let them deliuer you in the time of your tribulation.

† Hebr. is good in thine eyes.

15 And the children of Israel said vnto the LORD, We haue sinned, doe thou vnto vs whatsoeuer † seemeth good vnto thee, deliuer vs onely, wee pray thee, this day.

† Hebr. gods of strangers.

16 And they put away the † strange gods from among them, and serued the LORD: and his soule † was grieved for the misery of Israel.

† Hebr. was shortened.

† Hebr. cried together.

17 Then the children of Ammon were † gathered together, and encamped in Gilead: and the children of Israel assembled themselves together, and encamped in Mizpeh.

18 And the people and Princes of Gilead,

said one to another, what man is hee that will begin to fight against the children of Ammon: he shall be head ouer all the inhabitants of Gilead.

* Chap. 11.
6.

CHAP. XI.

1 The Couenant betweene Iephthah and the Gileadites, that hee should be their head.

12 The treaty of peace betweene him and the Ammonites is in vaine.

29 Iephthahs vow.
32 His conquest of the Ammonites. 34 He performeth his vow on his daughter.

NOW * Iephthah the Gileadite was a mightie man of valour, and he was the sonne of † an harlot: and Gilead begate Iephthah.

* Hebr. 11.
32. called Iephthah.

† Hebr. a woman, an harlot.

2 And Gileads wife bare him sonnes, and his wiues sonnes grew vp, and they thrust out Iephthah, and said vnto him, Thou shalt not inherite in our fathers house, for thou art the son of a strange woman.

3 Then Iephthah fled † from his brethren, and dwelt in the land of Tob: and there were gathered vaine men to Iephthah, and went out with him.

† Hebr. from the face.

4 And it came to passe, † in processe of time, that the children of Ammon made warre against Israel.

† Hebr. after dayes.

5 And it was so, that when the children of Ammon made war against Israel, the Elders of Gilead went to fetch Iephthah out of the land of Tob,

6 And they said vnto Iephthah, Come and bee our Captaine, that wee may fight with the children of Ammon.

7 And Iephthah said vnto the Elders of Gilead, Did not ye hate me, and expell me out of my fathers house: And why are ye come vnto mee now when ye are in distresse?

8 And the Elders of Gilead said vnto Iephthah, Therefore we turne againe to thee now, that thou mayest go with vs, and fight against the children of Ammon, and bee our head ouer all the inhabitants of Gilead.

9 And Iephthah said vnto the Elders of Gilead, If ye bring me home againe to fight against the children of Ammon, and the LORD deliuer them before me; shall I be your head?

10 And the Elders of Gilead said vnto Iephthah, The LORD be witnes betweene vs, if we doe not so according to thy words.

† Hebr. be the bearer betweene vs.

11 Then Iephthah went with the Elders

ders of Gilead, and the people made him head and captaine over them: and Jephthah vttered all his words before the LORD in Mizpeh.

12 And Jephthah sent messengers vnto the king of the children of Ammon, saying, what hast thou to do with me, that thou art come against mee to fight in my land?

13 And the king of the children of Ammon answered vnto the messengers of Jephthah; *Because Israel tooke away my land when they came vp out of Egypt, from Arnon euen vnto Jabbok, and vnto Jordan: now therefore restore those lands againe peaceably.

14 And Jephthah sent messengers againe vnto the king of the children of Ammon:

15 And said vnto him, Thus saith Jephthah; *Israel tooke not away the land of Moab, nor the land of the children of Ammon:

16 But when Israel came vp from Egypt, and walked through the wilderness, vnto the red sea, and came to Kadesh;

17 Then *Israel sent messengers vnto the king of Edom saying, Let me, I pray thee, passe through thy land. But the king of Edom would not hearken thereto: And in like maner they sent vnto the king of Moab: but hee would not consent: & Israel abode in Kadesh.

18 Then they went along through the wilderness, and compassed the land of Edom, and the land of Moab, and came by the Eastside of the land of Moab, and pitched on the other side of Arnon, *but came not within the border of Moab: for Arnon was the border of Moab.

19 And *Israel sent messengers vnto Sihon king of the Amorites, the king of Heshbon, and Israel said vnto him, Let vs passe, we pray thee, thorow thy land, vnto my place.

20 But Sihon trusted not Israel, to passe through his coast: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and pitched in Jahaz, and fought against Israel.

21 And the LORD God of Israel deliuered Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they smote them: so Israel possessed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that countrey.

22 And they possessed *all the coasts of the Amorites, from Arnon euen vnto Jabbok, and from the wilderness euen vnto Jordan.

23 So now the LORD God of Israel hath dispossessed the Amorites from before his people Israel, and shouldest thou possesse it?

24 Wilt not thou possesse that which Chemosh thy god giueth thee to possesse: so whomsoever the LORD our God shall drive out from before vs, them will we possesse.

25 *And now, art thou any thing better then Balak the sonne of Zippor king of Moab: Did hee euer strue against Israel, or did hee euer fight against them,

26 while Israel dwelt in Heshbon, and her towne, and in Aroer, and her towne, and in all the cities that bee along by the coasts of Arnon, three hundred yeeres: why therefore did yee not recouer them within that time?

27 Wherefore, I haue not sinned against thee, but thou doest me wrong to warre against mee: the LORD the Judge, bee Judge this day betweene the children of Israel, and the children of Ammon.

28 Howbeit, the king of the children of Ammon hearkened not vnto the words of Jephthah which hee sent him.

29 Then the Spirit of the LORD came vpon Jephthah, and he passed ouer Gilead and Danasseh, and passed ouer Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead hee passed ouer vnto the children of Ammon.

30 And Jephthah bowed a bowe vnto the LORD, and said, If thou shalt without faile deliuer the children of Ammon into mine hands,

31 Then it shall be, that †whatsoever cometh forth of the doores of my house to meete me, when I returne in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be the LORDS, and I will offer it by for a burnt offering.

32 So Jephthah passed ouer vnto the children of Ammon to fight against them, and the LORD deliuered them into his hands.

33 And he smote them from Aroer, euen till thou come to Minith, euen twentie cities, and vnto the ‖ plaine of the vineyards, with a very great slaughter: thus the children of Ammon

*Deut. 2.
36.

*Num. 22.
2. deut. 23.
4. iosh. 24.9

*Num. 21.
13.

*Deut. 2.9.

*Num. 20.
14.

*Num. 22.
13. and 22.
24.

*Deut. 2.
26.

†Hebr. that
which cometh
forth
shall come
forth.

‖Or, I will
offer it, &c.

‖Or, Abel.

mon were subdued before the children of Israel.

34 And Jephthah came to Mizpeh vnto his house, and beholde, his daughter came out to meete him with timbrels and with dances, and she was his onely childe: beside her he had neither sonne nor daughter.

35 And it came to passe when he saw her, that he rent his clothes, and said, Alas, my daughter, thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me: for I haue opened my mouth vnto the LORD, and I cannot goe backe.

36 And she said vnto him, My father, if thou hast opened thy mouth vnto the LORD, doe to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth: forasmuch as the LORD hath taken vengeance for thee of thine enemies, euen of the children of Ammon.

37 And she said vnto her father, Let this thing be done for me: Let me alone two moneths, that I may goe by and downe vpon the mountaines, and bewaile my virginity, I, and my fellows.

38 And he said, Goe. And he sent her away for two moneths, and she went with her companions, and bewailed her virginity vpon the mountaines.

39 And it came to passe at the ende of two moneths that she returned vnto her father, who did with her according to his bow which he had vowed: and she knew no man: for it was a custome in Israel,

40 That the daughters of Israel went yearly to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite foure dayes in a yeere.

C H A P. XII.

1 The Ephraimites quarrelling with Jephthah, and discerned by Shibboleth, are slaine by the Gileadites. 7 Jephthah dieth. 8 Ibzan, who had thirtie sonnes and thirtie daughters, 11 and Elon, 13 and Abdon who had fourtie sonnes, and thirtie nephewes, iudged Israel.

And the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and went Northward, & said vnto Jephthah, wherefore passedst thou ouer to fight against the children of Ammon, and didst not call vs to goe with thee: wee will burne thine house vpon thee with fire.

2 And Jephthah saide vnto them, I and my people were at great strife with the children of Ammon: and when I called you, ye deliuered me not out of their hands.

3 And when I saue that ye deliuered me not, I put my life in my handes, and passed ouer against the children of Ammon, and the LORD deliuered them into my hand: wherefore then are ye come by vnto me this day, to fight against me?

4 Then Jephthah gathered together all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ephraim: and the men of Gilead smote Ephraim, because they said, Bee Gileadites are fugitiues of Ephraim, among the Ephraimites and among the Manassites.

5 And the Gileadites tooke the passages of Jordan before the Ephraimites: and it was so that when those Ephraimites which were escaped saide, Let me go ouer, that the men of Gilead said vnto him, Art thou an Ephraimite? If he said, Nay:

6 Then said they vnto him, Say now, Shibboleth: and he said, Sibboleth: for hee could not frame to pronounce it right. Then they tooke him, and slewe him at the passages of Jordan: and there fell at that time of the Ephraimites, fourtie & two thousand.

7 And Jephthah iudged Israel six yeeres: then died Jephthah the Gileadite, and was buried in one of the cities of Gilead.

8 And after him Ibzan of Bethlehem iudged Israel.

9 And hee had thirtie sonnes, and thirtie daughters, whome hee sent abroad, and tooke in thirtie daughters from abroad for his sonnes. And hee iudged Israel seven yeeres.

10 Then died Ibzan, and was buried at Bethlehem.

11 And after him, Elon, a Zebulonite iudged Israel, and he iudged Israel ten yeeres.

12 And Elon the Zebulonite died, and was buried in Aialon in the countrey of Zebulun.

13 And after him, Abdon, the sonne of Hillel a Pirathonite iudged Israel.

14 And he had fourty sonnes, and thirtie nephewes, that rode on threescore and ten asse-colts: and he iudged Israel eight yeeres,

15 And

Or, he had not of his owne either sonne or daughter. Heb. of himselfe.

Heb. Goe, and goe downe.

Or, ordinance.

Heb. from yeere to yeere. Or, to talke with.

Hebr. were called.

Heb. sonnes.

15 And Abdon the sonne of Hillel the Pirathonite died, and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the mount of the Amalekites.

C H A P. XIII.

1 Israel is in the hand of the Philistines. 2 An Angel appeareth to Manoahs wife. 8 The Angel appeareth to Manoah. 15 Manoahs sacrifice, whereby the Angel is discouered. 24 Samson is borne.

AND the children of Israel [†]did euill againe in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD deliuered them into the hand of the Philistines forty yeeres.

2 **A**ND there was a certaine man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah, and his wife was barren, and bare not.

3 And the Angel of the LORD appeared vnto the woman, and said vnto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive and beare a sonne.

4 Now therefore beware ^{*}I pray thee, and drinke not wine, nor strong drinke, and eat not any vncleane thing.

5 For loe, thou shalt conceive, and beare a sonne, and ^{*}no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite vnto God from the wombe: and he shall begin to deliuer Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.

6 **T**hen the woman came, and told her husband, saying; A man of God came vnto mee, and his countenance was like the countenance of an Angel of God, very terrible: but I asked him not whence he was, neither told he me his name:

7 But he said vnto mee, Behold, thou shalt conceive and beare a sonne; and now, drinke no wine nor strong drinke, neither eate any vncleane thing: for the childe shall be a Nazarite to God, from the wombe, to the day of his death.

8 **T**hen Manoah entreated the LORD, and said, O my LORD, let the man of God which thou didst send, come againe vnto vs, & teach vs what we shall do vnto the childe that shall be borne.

9 And God hearkened to the voyce of Manoah; and the Angel of God came againe vnto the woman as thee

sate in the field: But Manoah her husband was not with her.

10 And the woman made haste, and ranne, and shewed her husband, and said vnto him; Behold, the man hath appeared vnto me, that came vnto me the other day.

11 And Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said vnto him, Art thou the man that spakest vnto the woman? And he said, I am.

12 And Manoah said, Now let thy words come to passe: [†]How shall wee order the childe, and ^{||}how shall we doe vnto him?

13 And the Angel of the LORD said vnto Manoah, Of all that I said vnto the woman, let her beware.

14 She may not eate of any thing that commeth of the Vine, neither let her drinke wine or strong drinke, nor eat any vncleane thing: all that I commanded her, let her obserue.

15 **A**ND Manoah saide vnto the Angel of the LORD, I pray thee let vs deteine thee, vntill wee shall haue made ready a kid [†]for thee.

16 And the Angel of the LORD said vnto Manoah, Though thou deteine mee, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must offer it vnto the LORD: for Manoah knew not that he was an Angel of the LORD.

17 And Manoah said vnto the Angel of the LORD, What is thy name, that when thy sayings come to passe, we may doe thee honour?

18 And the Angel of the LORD said vnto him, Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it is ^{||}secret?

19 So Manoah tooke a kid, with a meat offering, and offered it vpon a rocke vnto the LORD: and the Angel did wonderfully, and Manoah and his wife looked on.

20 For it came to passe, when the flame went vp toward heauen from off the altar, that the Angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar: and Manoah and his wife looked on it, and fell on their faces to the ground.

21 (But the Angel of the LORD did no more appeare to Manoah and to his wife:) then Manoah knewe that he was an Angel of the LORD.

22 And Manoah said vnto his wife,

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† Hebr. added to commit, &c.
* Chap. 2.
11. and 3. 7.
and 4. 1.
and 6. 1. and
10. 6.

* Num. 6.
2. 3.

* Num. 6. 5.
1. sam. 1.
11.

† Hebr. what shall be the manner of the, &c.
|| Or, what shall he doe?
Hebr. What shall be his worke?

† Hebr. before thee.

|| Or, wonderfulfull.

*Exod. 33.
20. chap. 6.
22.

*Wee shall surely die, because wee haue seene God.

23 But his wife said vnto him, If the LORD were pleased to kill vs, he would not haue receiued a burnt offering and a meat offering at our hands, neither would hee haue shewed vs all these things, nor would as at this time haue told vs such things as these.

24 And the woman bare a sonne, and called his name Samson: and the child grew, & the LORD blessed him.

25 And the Spirit of the LORD beganne to mooue him at times in the campe of Dan, betweene Zorah and Ethtaol.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Samson desireth a wife of the Philistines. 2 In his iourney hee killeth a Lion. 8 In a second iourney hee findeth hony in the carkeis. 10 Samsons marriage feast. 12 His riddle by his wife is made knowen. 19 He spoileth thirtie Philistines. 20 His wife is married to another.

And Samson went down to Timnath, and sawe a woman in Timnath, of the daughters of the Philistines.

2 And hee came vp, and told his father and his mother, and said, I haue seene a woman in Timnath, of the daughters of the Philistines: now therefore get her for me to wife.

3 Then his father and his mother said vnto him, Is there neuer a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the vncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said vnto his father, Get her for me, for shee pleaseeth me well.

† Heb. she is right in mine eyes.

4 But his father and his mother knew not that it was of the LORD, that hee sought an occasion against the Philistines: for at that time the Philistines had dominion ouer Israel.

† Hebr. in meeting him.

5 Then went Samson downe, and his father & his mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of Timnath: and behold, a young Lion roared † against him.

6 And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily vpon him, and hee rent him as he would haue rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hand: but hee told not his father or his mother what hee had done.

7 And hee went downe and talked with the woman, and she pleased Samson well.

8 And after a time hee returned to take her, and he turned aside to see the carkeis of the Lion: and beholde, there was a swarme of Bees, and hony in the carkeis of the Lion.

9 And hee tooke thereof in his handes, and went on eating, and came to his father and mother, and hee gaue them, and they did eate: but he told not them that he had taken the hony out of the carkeis of the Lion.

10 So his father went downe vnto the woman, and Samson made there a feast: for so bled the youngmen to doe.

11 And it came to passe when they saw him, that they brought thirtie companions to be with him.

12 And Samson said vnto them, I will now put forth a riddle vnto you: if you can certainly declare it me, within the seuen dayes of the feast, and finde it out, then I will giue you thirtie sheetes, and thirtie change of garments:

Or, shirts.

13 But if ye cannot declare it me, then shall yee giue me thirtie sheetes, and thirtie change of garments. And they said vnto him, Put forth thy riddle, that we may heare it.

14 And hee said vnto them, Out of the eater came forth meate, and out of the strong came forth sweetnesse. And they could not in three dayes expound the riddle.

15 And it came to passe on the seuenth day, that they said vnto Samsons wife, Entice thy husband, that hee may declare vnto vs the riddle, lest we burne thee and thy fathers house with fire: haue yee called vs, † to take that wee haue: is it not so?

† Heb. to possess vs, or to impoverish vs?

16 And Samsons wife wept before him, and said, Thou doest but hate me, and louest me not: thou hast put forth a riddle vnto the children of my people, and hast not tolde it me. And hee said vnto her, Behold, I haue not tolde it my father nor my mother, and shall I tell it thee?

17 And shee wept before him || the seuen dayes, while the feast lasted: and it came to passe on the seuenth day, that he tolde her, because shee lay sore vpon him: and she tolde the riddle to the children of her people.

Or, the rest of the seuen dayes, &c.

18 And

18 And the men of the city said vnto him on the seuenth day before the sunne went downe, what is sweeter then honie: and what is stronger then a Lion: And he said vnto them, If ye had not plowed with my heifer, yee had not found out my riddle.

19 ¶ And the Spirit of the LORD came vpon him, and hee went downe to Ashkelon, and slewe thirtie men of them, and tooke their spoile, and gaue change of garments vnto them which expounded the riddle, and his anger was kindled, and hee went vp to his fathers house.

20 But Samsons wife was given to his companion, whom hee had vsed as his friend.

CHAP. XV.

1 Samson is denied his wife. 3 He burneth the Philistines corne with foxes and firebrands. 6 His wife and her father are burnt by the Philistines. 7 Samson smiteth them hip and thigh. 9 He is bound by the men of Iudah and deliuered to the Philistines. 14 Hee killeth them with a iawbone. 18 God maketh the fountaine En-hakkore for him in Lehi.

BUt it came to passe within a while after, in the time of wheat haruest, that Samson visited his wife with a kid, and he said, I will goe in to my wife into the chamber. But her father would not suffer him to goe in.

2 And her father saide, I verily thought that thou haddest vtterly hated her, therefore I gaue her to thy companion: is not her younger sister fairer then she: take her, I pray thee, in stead of her.

3 ¶ And Samson said concerning them, Now shal I be more blamelesse then the Philistines, though I do them a displeasure.

4 And Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and tooke firebrands, and turned taile to taile, and put a firebrand in the midst betweene two tailes.

5 And when hee had set the brands on fire, he let them goe into the standing corne of the Philistines, and burnt vp both the shokes, and also the standing corne, with the vineyards and oliues.

6 ¶ Then the Philistines saide, who hath done this: and they answered, Samson the sonne in law of

the Timnite, because hee had taken his wife, and giuen her to his companion. And the Philistines came vp, and burnt her and her father with fire.

7 ¶ And Samson said vnto them, Though ye haue done this, yet will I be auenged of you, and after that, I will cease.

8 And he smote them hip and thigh, with a great slaughter; and hee went down and dwelt in the top of the rocke Etam.

9 ¶ Then the Philistines went vp, and pitched in Iudah, and spread themselves in Lehi.

10 And the men of Iudah said, why are ye come vp against vs: and they answered, To bind Samson are we come vp, to doe to him, as he hath done to vs.

11 Then three thousand men of Iudah went to the top of the rocke Etam, and sayd to Samson, Knowest thou not that the Philistines are rulers ouer vs: what is this that thou hast done vnto vs: And he said vnto them, As they did vnto me, so haue I done vnto them.

12 And they said vnto him, wee are come downe to binde thee, that we may deliuer thee into the hand of the Philistines. And Samson said vnto them, Swear vnto me, that yee will not fall vpon me your selues.

13 And they spake vnto him, saying, No: but wee will binde thee fast, and deliuer thee into their hand: but surely we will not kill thee. And they bound him with two new cordes, and brought him vp from the rocke.

14 ¶ And when he came vnto Lehi, the Philistines shouted against him: and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily vpon him, and the cordes that were vpon his armes became as flaxe that was burnt with fire, & his bands loosed from off his hands.

15 And he found a new iawbone of an asse, and put forth his hand, and tooke it, and slewe a thousand men therewith.

16 And Samson said, with the iawbone of an asse, I heapes vpon heapes, with the iaw of an asse haue I slaine a thousand men.

17 And it came to passe when he had made an end of speaking, that hee cast away the iaw bone out of his hand, and called that place Ramath-Lehi.

18 ¶ And hee was sore athirst, and called on the LORD, and said, Thou

† Heb. went downe.

† Hebr. were melted.
† Heb. moist.

† Heb. an heape, two heapes.

† That is, The lifting vp of the iaw-bone, or, casting away of the iaw-bone.

Samson and Delilah: Iudges. She betrayeth him.

hast given this great deliuerance into the hand of thy seruant: and now shall I die for thirst, and fall into the hand of the vncircumcised:

|| Or, Lehi.

19 But God claue an hollow place that was in || the iawe, and there came water thereout, & when he had drunke, his spirit came againe, and he reuiued: wherefore hee called the name thereof || En-hakkore, which is in Lehi, vnto this day:

|| That is, the wel of him that called or cried.

20 And he iudged Israel in the dayes of the Philistines twentie yeeres.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Samson at Gaza escapeth, and carieth away the gates of the city. 4 Delilah corrupted by the Philistines, entiseth Samson. 6 Thrice she is deceiued. 15 At last shee ouercometh him. 21 The Philistines take him, and put out his eyes. 22 His strength renewing, hee pulleth downe the house vpon the Philistines, and dieth.

When went Samson to Gaza, and saw there [†] an harlot, and went in vnto her.

† Heb. a woman an harlot.

2 And it was told the Gazites, saying, Samson is come hither. And they compassed him in, and layd wait for him all night in the gate of the citie, and were [†] quiet all the night, saying, In the morning when it is day, we shall kill him.

† Heb. silent.

3 And Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and tooke the doores of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and went away with them, [†] barre and all, and put them vpon his shoulders, and caried them vp to the toppe of an hill that is before Hebron.

† Heb. with the barre.

4 And it came to passe after ward, that he loued a woman in the valley || of Sorek, whose name was Delilah.

|| Or, by the brooke.

5 And the lords of the Philistines came vp vnto her, and said vnto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth, and by what meanes we may preuaile against him, that we may bind him, to || afflict him: and we will giue thee euery one of vs, eleuen hundredeth pieces of siluer.

|| Or, humble.

6 And Delilah said to Samson, Tel me, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength lyeth, and wherewith thou mightest be bound, to afflict thee.

7 And Samson said vnto her, If they binde mee with seuen || greene withs, that were neuer dried, then shall

|| Or, newe coards. heb. moist.

I be weake, and be as [†] another man.

† Heb. one.

8 Then the lords of the Philistines brought vp to her seuen greene withs, which had not bene dried, & she bound him with them.

9 Now there were men lying in wait, abiding with her in the chamber: and she said vnto him, The Philistines be vpon thee, Samson. And he brake the withs, as a threed of tow is broken, when it [†] toucheth the fire: so his strength was not known.

† Heb. smelteth.

10 And Delilah said vnto Samson, Behold, thou hast mocked me, and told mee lies: now tell mee, I pray thee, wherewith thou mightest be bound.

11 And he said vnto her, If they bind me fast with newe ropes [†] that neuer were occupied, then shall I be weake, and be as another man.

† Heb. where with worke hath not bin done.

12 Delilah therfore tooke new ropes, and bound him therewith, and said vnto him, The Philistines be vpon thee, Samson. (And there were liers in wait abiding in the chamber.) and hee brake them from off his armes, like a threed.

13 And Delilah said vnto Samson, Hitherto thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: tell me wherewith thou mightest be bound. And he said vnto her, If thou weauest the seuen lockes of my head with the web.

14 And she fastened it with the pinne, and said vnto him, The Philistines be vpon thee, Samson. And hee awaked out of his sleepe, and went away with the pinne of the beame, & with the web.

15 And shee said vnto him, How canst thou say, I loue thee, when thine heart is not with mee: Thou hast mocked mee these three times, and hast not told me wherein thy great strength lieth.

16 And it came to passe, when she pressed him daily with her wordes, and vexed him, so that his soule was [†] vexed vnto death.

† Heb. scorched.

17 That he told her all his heart, and said vnto her, There hath not come a razor vpon mine head: for I haue bene a Nazarite vnto God from my mothers wombe: If I bee shauen, then my strength will goe from me, and I shall become weake, and bee like any other man.

18 And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the Lords of the Philistines, saying, Come vp this once, for hee hath shewed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines

Philistines came vnto her, & brought money in their hand.

19 And she made him sleepe vpon her knees, and she called for a man, and she caused him to shauē off the seven lockes of his head, and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him.

20 And she said, The Philistines be vpon thee, Samson. And hee awoke out of his sleepe, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake my selfe. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him.

21 But the Philistines tooke him and put out his eyes, and brought him downe to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brasse, and he did grind in the prison house.

22 Howbeit, the haire of his head began to grow againe, after he was shauen.

23 Then the lords of the Philistines gathered them together, for to offer a great sacrifice vnto Dagon their god, and to reioyce: for they said, Our god hath deliuered Samson our enemy into our hand.

24 And when the people saw him, they praised their god: for they said, Our god hath deliuered into our hands our enemy, and the destroyer of our countrey, which slew many of vs.

25 And it came to passe when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Samson, that hee may make vs sport. And they called for Samson out of the prison house, and he made them sport, and they set him betweene the pillars.

26 And Samson said vnto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer mee, that I may feele the pillars whereupon the house standeth, that I may leane vpon them.

27 Now the house was full of men and women, and all the lords of the Philistines were there: and there were vpon the rooffe about three thousand men and women, that behelde while Samson made sport.

28 And Samson called vnto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, & strengthen mee, I pray thee, onely this once, O God, that I may be at once auenged of the Philistines, for my two eyes.

29 And Samson tooke hold of the two middle pillars, vpon which the house stood, and on which it was borne

vp, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left.

30 And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines: & he bowed himselfe with all his might: and the house fel vpon the lords, and vpon all the people that were therein: so the dead which he slew at his death, were more, then they which he slew in his life.

31 Then his brethren, and all the house of his father, came downe, and tooke him, and brought him vp, and buried him betweene Zorah and Eshatol, in the burying place of Manoah his father: and hee iudged Israel twentie yeeres.

CHAP. XVII.

1 Of the money that Micah first stole, then restored, his mother maketh Images, 5 and hee ornaments for them. 6 He hireth a Leuite to be his Priest.

And there was a man of mount Ephraim, whose name was Micah.

2 And he said vnto his mother, The eleuen hundred shekels of siluer, that were taken from thee, about which thou cursedst, and spakest of also in mine eares, behold, the siluer is with mee, I tooke it. And his mother said, Blessed be thou of the LORD, my sonne.

3 And when hee had restored the eleuen hundred shekels of siluer to his mother, his mother said, I had wholly dedicated the siluer vnto the LORD, from my hand, for my sonne, to make a grauen image and a molten image: now therefore I will restore it vnto thee.

4 Yet hee restored the money vnto his mother, and his mother tooke two hundred shekels of siluer, and gaue them to the foundler, who made thereof a grauen image and a molten image, and they were in the house of Micah.

5 And the man Micah had an house of gods, and made an Ephod, and Teraphim, and consecrated one of his sonnes, who became his Priest.

6 In those dayes there was no king in Israel, but euery man did that which was right in his owne eyes.

7 And there was a young man out of Bethlehem Judah, of the family of Judah, who was a Leuite, and he sojourned there.

8 And the man departed out of the

† Hebr. my soule.

† Hebr. boared out.

† Or, as when he was shauen.

† Hebr. and who multiplied our slaine.

† Hebr. before them.

† Or, he leaned on them.

* Chap. 8.

27.

* Gen. 31.

19. oſc. 3. 4

† Hebr. filled the hand.

* Chap. 18.

1. and 21.

25.

citie from Bethlehem Judah, to sojourn where he could finde a place: and he came to mount Ephraim to the house of Micah, ^{† as he journeyed.}

^{† Heb. in making his way.}

9 And Micah said vnto him, whence comiest thou? And he said vnto him, I am a Leuite, of Bethlehem Judah, and I goe to sojourn where I may finde a place.

10 And Micah said vnto him, Dwell with me, and be vnto me a father and a Priest, and I will giue thee ten shekels of siluer by the yeere, and [¶] a suite of apparell, and thy victuals. So the Leuite went in.

^{¶ Or, a double suit, &c. Heb. an order of garments.}

11 And the Leuite was content to dwell with the man, and the young man was vnto him as one of his sonnes.

12 And Micah consecrated the Leuite, and the young man became his Priest, and was in the house of Micah.

13 Then said Micah, Now know I that the LORD will doe me good, seeing I haue a Leuite to my Priest.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 The Danites send five men to seeke out an inheritance. 3 At the house of Micah they consult with Jonathan, and are encouraged in their way. 7 They search Laish, and bring backewes of good hope. 11 Six hundred men are sent to surprize it. 14 In the way they robbe Micah of his Priest and his consecrate things. 27 They win Laish and call it Dan. 30 They set vp Idolatrie, wherein Jonathan inherited the Priesthood.

^{* Chap. 17. 6. and 21. 25.}

In those dayes there was no king in Israel: and in those daies the tribe of the Danites sought them an inheritance to dwell in: for vnto that day, all their inheritance had not fallen vnto them, among the tribes of Israel.

2 And the children of Dan sent of their family, five men from their coasts, [†] men of valour, from Zorah, and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land, and to search it, and they said vnto them, Goe, search the land: who when they came to mount Ephraim, to the house of Micah, they lodged there.

^{† Hebr. sonnes.}

3 When they were by the house of Micah, they knew the voice of the young man the Leuite: and they turned in thither, & said vnto him, who brought thee hither? And what makest thou in this place? and what hast thou here?

4 And hee said vnto them, Thus and thus dealeth Micah with me, and hath hired me, and I am his Priest.

5 And they sayd vnto him, Aske counsell, we pray thee, of God, that we may know, whether our way which we goe, shall be prosperous.

6 And the Priest said vnto them, Goe in peace: before the LORD is your way wherein ye goe.

7 **T**hen the five men departed, and came to Laish, and saw the people that were therein, how they dwelt carelesse, after the maner of the Zidonians, quiet and secure, and there was no [†] magistrate in the land that might put them to shame in any thing, and they were farre from the Zidonians, and had no businesse with any man.

^{† Heb. possessor, or heire of restraint.}

8 And they came vnto their brethren to Zorah, and Eshtaol: and their brethren said vnto them, what say yee?

9 And they said, Arise, that we may goe by against them: for we haue seene the land, and behold, it is very good: and are ye still? Bee not slothfull to goe, and to enter to possesse the land.

10 When ye goe, ye shall come vnto a people secure, and to a large land: for God hath giuen it into your handes: a place where there is no want of any thing, that is in the earth.

11 **A**nd there went from thence of the family of the Danites out of Zorah, and out of Eshtaol, six hundred men, [†] appoynted with weapons of warre.

^{† Heb. girded.}

12 And they went by, and pitched in Kiriath-earim, in Judah: wherefore they called that place Mahaneh-Dan, vnto this day: behold, it is behinde Kiriath-earim.

13 And they passed thence vnto mount Ephraim, and came vnto the house of Micah.

14 **T**hen answered the five men that went to spie out the countrey of Laish, and saide vnto their brethren, Doe ye know that there is in these houses an Ephod, and Teraphim, and a grauen image, and a molten image? Now therefore consider what ye haue to doe.

15 And they turned thitherward, and came to the house of the young man the Leuite, euen vnto the house of Micah, and [†] saluted him.

^{† Heb. asked him of peace.}

16 And the six hundred men appointed

ted with their weapons of war, which were of the children of Dan, stood by the entring of the gate.

17 And the five men that went to spie out the land, went vp and came in thither, and tooke the grauen image, and the Ephod, and the Teraphim, and the molten image: and the Priest stood in the entring of the gate, with the six hundred men that were appointed with weapons of warre.

18 And these went into Micahs house, and fetched the carued image, the Ephod, and the Teraphim, and the molten image: then said the Priest vnto them, what doe ye?

19 And they said vnto him, hold thy peace, lay thine hand vpon thy mouth, and goe with vs, and bee to vs a father and a Priest: Is it better for thee to bee a Priest vnto the house of one man, or that thou be a Priest vnto a tribe and a family in Israel?

20 And the Priests heart was glad, and he tooke the Ephod, and the Teraphim, and the grauen image, and went in the midst of the people.

21 So they turned, and departed, and put the little ones, and the cattell, and the cariage before them.

22 And when they were a good way from the house of Micah, the men that were in the houses neere to Micahs house, were gathered together, and ouertooke the children of Dan.

23 And they cried vnto the children of Dan: and they turned their faces, and said vnto Micah, what aileth thee, that thou comest with such a company?

24 And he said, Bee haue taken away my gods which I made, and the Priest, and ye are gone away: and what haue I more: and what is this that ye say vnto me, what aileth thee?

25 And the children of Dan said vnto him, Let not thy voyce bee heard among vs, lest angry fellows run vpon thee, and thou lose thy life, with the liues of thy household.

26 And the children of Dan went their way: and when Micah sawe that they were too strong for him, he turned and went backe vnto his house.

27 And they tooke the things which Micah had made, and the Priest which hee had, and came vnto Laish, vnto a people that were at quiet, and secure, and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and burnt the citie with fire.

28 And there was no deliuerer, because it was farre from Zidon, and they had no businesse with any man: and it was in the valley that lieth by Beth-rehob, and they built a citie, and dwelt therein.

29 And they called the name of the *city, Dan, after the name of Dan their father, who was borne vnto Israel: howbeit the name of the citie was Laish at the first.

30 And the children of Dan set vp the grauen image: and Jonathan the sonne of Gershom, the sonne of Manasseh, hee and his sonnes, were Priests to the tribe of Dan, vntill the day of the captiuitie of the land.

31 And they set them vp Micahs grauen image, which hee made, all the time that the house of God was in Shiloh.

C H A P. XIX.

1 A Leuite goeth to Bethlehem to fetch home his wife. 16 An old man entertaineth him at Gibeah. 22 The Gibeonites abuse his concubine to death. 29 He diuideth her into twelue pieces to send them to the twelue tribes.

AND it came to passe in those dayes, *when there was no King in Israel, that there was a certaine Leuite sojourning on the side of mount Ephraim, who tooke to him † a concubine out of Bethlehem Judah.

2 And his concubine played the whore against him, and went away from him vnto her fathers house to Bethlehem Judah, and was there foure whole moneths.

3 And her husband arose, and went after her to speake † friendly vnto her, and to bring her againe, hauing his seruant with him, and a couple of asses: and shee brought him into her fathers house, and when the father of the damsell saw him, he reioyced to meet him.

4 And his father in law, the damosels father, retained him, and hee abode with him three dayes: so they did eate and drinke, and lodged there.

5 And it came to passe on the fourth day, when they arose early in the morning, that he rose vp to depart: and the damosels father saide vnto his sonne in lawe, † Comfort thine heart with a morsell of bread, and after ward goe your way.

* Iosh. 19. 47.

* Chap. 17. 6. and 18. 1 and 21. 25.

† Heb. a woman a concubine, or a wife a concubine.

|| Or, a yeere and foure moneths. Heb. dayes, foure moneths. † Heb. to her heart.

† Heb. strengthen.

† Heb. that thou art gathered together?

† Heb. bitter of soule.

6 And they sate downe, and did eat and drinke both of them together: for the damosels father had saide vnto the man, Be content, I pray thee, and tary all night, and let thine heart be merrie.

7 And when the man rose vp to depart, his father in law bged him: therfore he lodged there againe.

8 And hee arose early in the morning on the fift day to depart, and the damosels father sayd, Comfort thine heart, I pray thee. And they taried vntill after noone, and they did eate both of them.

9 And when the man rose vp to depart, hee and his concubine, and his servant; his father in law, the damosels father, said vnto him, Behold, now the day ^{† Heb. it is the pitching time of the day.} draweth towardes evening, I pray you tarie all night: behold, ^{† Heb. it is weake.} the day groweth to an ende, lodge heere, that thine heart may be merrie; and to morrow get you early on your way, that thou mayest goe ^{† Heb. to thy tent.} home.

10 But the man would not tary that night, but he rose vp and departed, and came ^{† Heb. to ouer against Iebus.} ouer against Iebus (which is Jerusalem:) and there were with him two asses saddled, his concubine also was with him.

11 And when they were by Iebus, the day was farre spent, and the servant said vnto his master, Come, I pray thee, and let vs turne in into this citie of the Iebusites, and lodge in it.

12 And his master said vnto him, We will not turne aside hither into the citie of a stranger, that is not of the children of Israel, we wil passe ouer to Gibeah.

13 And hee sayde vnto his servant, Come, and let vs draw neere to one of these places to lodge all night, in Gibeah, or in Ramah.

14 And they passed on and went their way, and the sunne went downe vpon them when they were by Gibeah, which belongeth to Benjamin.

15 And they turned aside thither, to go in and to lodge in Gibeah: and when he went in, he sate him downe in a street of the citie: for there was no man that tooke them into his house to lodging.

16 And behold, there came an olde man from his worke out of the field at euen, which was also of mount Ephraim; and hee sojourned in Gibeah, but the men of the place were Beniamites.

17 And when he had lift vp his eyes, he saw a wayfaring man in the streete

of the citie: and the old man said, Whither goest thou: and whence comest thou?

18 And he said vnto him, We are passing from Bethlehem Judah, toward the side of mount Ephraim, from thence am I: and I went to Bethlehem Judah, but I am now going to the house of the LORD, and there is no man that ^{† Hebr. ga-thereth.} receiueth me to house.

19 Yet there is both straw and prouender for our asses, and there is bread and wine also for me and for thy handmaid, and for the young man which is with thy seruants: there is no want of any thing.

20 And the olde man said, Peace be with thee; howsoeuer, let all thy wants lie vpon me; only lodge not in the street.

21 So he brought him into his house, and gaue prouender vnto the asses: and they washed their feet, and did eate and drinke.

22 ¶ Now as they were making their hearts merrie, behold, the men of the citie, certaine sonnes of Belial, beset the house round about, and beat at the doore, and spake to the master of the house, the olde man, saying; Bring forth the man that came into thine house, that we may know him.

23 And ^{* Genes. 19.6.} the man, the master of the house, went out vnto them, and said vnto them, Nay my brethren, nay, I pray you doe not so wickedly; seeing that this man is come into mine house, doe not this folly.

24 Behold, here is my daughter, a maiden, and his concubine, them I wil bring out now, and humble yee them, and doe with them what seemeth good vnto you: but vnto this man doe not ^{† Hebr. the matter of this folly.} so vile a thing.

25 But the men would not hearken to him: so the man tooke his concubine, and brought her forth vnto them, and they knew her, and abused her all the night vntil the morning: and when the day began to spring, they let her goe.

26 Then came the woman in the dawning of the day, and fell downe at the doore of the mans house, where her lord was, till it was light.

27 And her lord rose vp in the morning, & opened the doores of the house, and went out to goe his way: and behold, the woman his concubine was fallen downe at the doore of the house, and her hands were vpon the threshold.

28 And

† Heb. till the day declined.

† Hebr. it is weake.

† Heb. it is the pitching time of the day.

† Heb. to thy tent.

† Heb. to ouer against Iebus.

† Hebr. ga-thereth.

* Genes. 19.6.

† Hebr. the matter of this folly.

28 And he said vnto her, Up, and let vs be going. But none answered: then the man tooke her vp vpon an asse, and the man rose vp, and gate him vnto his place.

29 And when he was come into his house, hee tooke a knife, and layd hold on his concubine, and diuided her, together with her bones, into twelue pieces, and sent her into all the coasts of Israel.

30 And it was so that all that saw it, said, There was no such deed done nor seene, from the day that the children of Israel came vp out of the land of Egypt, vnto this day: consider of it, take aduise, and speake your mindes.

CHAP. XX.

- 1 The Leuite in a generall assembly declareth his wrong. 8 The decree of the assembly. 12 The Beniamites being cited, make head against the Israelites. 18 The Israelites in two battels loose fourty thousand. 26 They destroy by a stratageme all the Beniamites, except sixe hundred.

When all the children of Israel went out, and the Congregation was gathered together as one man, from Dan euen to Beer-sheba, with the land of Gilead, vnto the LORD in Mizpeh.

2 And the chiefe of al the people, euen of all the tribes of Israel, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of God, foure hundred thousand footmen that drew sword.

3 (Now the children of Benjamin heard that the children of Israel were gone vp to Mizpeh.) Then said the children of Israel, Tell vs, how was this wickednesse?

4 And the Leuite the husband of the woman that was slaine, answered and said, I came into Gibeah that belongeth to Benjamin, I and my concubine, to lodge.

5 And the men of Gibeah rose against me, and beset the house round about vpon me by night, and thought to haue slaine mee, and my concubine haue they forced that she is dead.

6 And I tooke my concubine, and cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the countrey of the inheritance of Israel: for they haue committed lewdnesse and folly in Israel.

7 Behold, ye are all children of Israel, giue here your aduise and counsell.

8 And all the people arose as one man, saying, we will not any of vs goe to his tent, neither will wee any of vs turne into his house:

9 But now, this shall bee the thing which we will doe to Gibeah, we will goe vp by lot against it:

10 And we wil take ten men of a hundred throughout all the tribes of Israel, and an hundred of a thousand, and a thousand out of ten thousand, to fetch victuall for the people, that they may doe, when they come to Gibeah of Benjamin, according to all the folly that they haue wrought in Israel.

11 So all the men of Israel were gathered against the citie, knit together as one man.

12 And the tribes of Israel sent men thorow all the tribe of Benjamin, saying, what wickednesse is this that is done among you?

13 Now therefore deliuer vs the men, the children of Belial which are in Gibeah, that wee may put them to death, and put away euill from Israel: but the children of Benjamin would not hearken to the voice of their brethren the children of Israel.

14 But the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together out of the cities, vnto Gibeah, to goe out to battell against the children of Israel.

15 And the children of Benjamin were numbred at that time out of the cities, twentie and sixe thousand men that drew sword, beside the inhabitants of Gibeah, which were numbred seven hundred chosen men.

16 Among all this people there were seven hundred chosen men * left handed, euery one could sling stones at an haire breadth, and not misse.

17 And the men of Israel, beside Benjamin, were numbred foure hundred thousand men that drew sword: all these were men of warre.

18 And the children of Israel arose, and went vp to the house of God, and asked counsell of God, and saide, which of vs shall goe vp first to the battell against the children of Benjamin: And the LORD said, Judah shall goe vp first.

19 And the children of Israel rose vp in the morning, and encamped against Gibeah.

20 And

† Hebr. fellows.

* Chap. 3. 15.

† Heb. the man the Leuite.

† Heb. humbled.

The Israelites warre Iudges. with Benjamin,

20 And the men of Israel went out to battell against Benjamin, and the men of Israel put themselves in aray to fight against them at Gibeah.

21 And the children of Benjamin came forth out of Gibeah, and destroyed downe to the ground of the Israelites that day, twenty & two thousand men.

22 And the people the men of Israel encouraged themselves, & set their battell againe in aray, in the place where they put themselves in aray the first day.

23 (And the children of Israel went by and wept before the LORD untill Even, and asked counsel of the LORD, saying, Shall I goe by againe to battell against the children of Benjamin my brother? And the LORD saide, Goe by against him.)

24 And the children of Israel came neere against the children of Benjamin, the second day.

25 And Benjamin went forth against them out of Gibeah the second day, & destroyed downe to the ground of the children of Israel againe, eightene thousand men, all these drew the sword.

26 ¶ Then all the children of Israel, and all the people went by, and came vnto the house of God, and wept, and sate there before the LORD, and fasted that day untill Even, and offered burnt offerings, and peace offerings before the LORD.

27 And the children of Israel enquired of the LORD, (for the Arke of the covenant of God was there in those daies,

28 And Phinehas the sonne of Eleazar the sonne of Aaron stood before it in those dayes.) saying; Shall I yet againe goe out to battell against the children of Benjamin my brother, or shall I cease? And the LORD said, Goe by; for to morrow I will deliuer them into thine hand.

29 And Israel set liers in waite round about Gibeah.

30 And the children of Israel went by against the children of Benjamin on the third day, and put themselves in aray against Gibeah, as at other times.

31 And the children of Benjamin went out against the people, and were drawen away from the citie, and they began to smite of the people and kill as at other times, in the high wayes, of which one goeth by to the house of God, and the other to Gibeah in the field, about thirtie men of Israel.

† Hebr. to smite of the people wounded as at Gc.
Or, Bethel.

32 And the children of Benjamin said, They are smitten downe before vs, as at the first: But the children of Israel said, Let vs flee, and draw them from the citie, vnto the high wayes.

33 And all the men of Israel rose by out of their place, and put themselves in aray at Baal Tamar: and the liers in waite of Israel came forth out of their places, euen out of the medowes of Gibeah.

34 And there came against Gibeah ten thousand chosen men, out of all Israel, and the battell was sore: but they knew not that euill was neere them.

35 And the LORD smote Benjamin before Israel, and the children of Israel destroyed of the Beniamites that day, twentie and five thousand, and an hundred men; all these drew the sword.

36 So the children of Benjamin saw that they were smitten: for the men of Israel gaue place to the Beniamites, because they trusted vnto the liers in wait, which they had set beside Gibeah.

37 And the liers in wait hasted, and rushed vpon Gibeah, and the liers in wait drew themselves along, and smote all the citie with the edge of the sword.

38 Nowe there was an appointed signe between the men of Israel and the liers in wait, that they should make a great flame with smoke rise by out of the citie.

39 And when the men of Israel retired in the battell, Benjamin began to smite and kill of the men of Israel about thirtie persons; for they saide, Surely they are smitten downe before vs, as in the first battell.

40 But when the flame began to arise by out of the citie, with a pillar of smoke, the Beniamites looked behind them, and behold, the flame of the citie ascended by to heauen.

41 And when the men of Israel turned againe, the men of Benjamin were amased; for they saw that euill was come vpon them.

42 Therefore they turned their backs before the men of Israel, vnto the way of the wilderness, but the battell ouertooke them: & them which came out of the citie, they destroyed in the midst of them.

43 Thus they inclosed the Beniamites round about, and chased them, and trode them downe with ease, & ouer against Gibeah toward the sunne rising.

44 And there fell of Benjamin eightene

Or, made a long sound with the trumpet.
Or, time.
† Heb. with.
† Heb. Alutation.

† Hebr. to smite the wounded.

† Heb. the whole consumption.

† Heb. touched them.

Or, from Menuchah, &c.
† Heb. vnto ouer against.

eightene thousand men; all these were men of valour.

45 And they turned and fled toward the wilderness vnto the rocke of Rimmon: and they gleaned of them in the high wayes five thousand men: and pursued hard after them vnto Sidom, and slew two thousand men of them.

46 So that all which fell that day of Benjamin, were twentie and five thousand men that drew the sword: all these were men of valour.

47 * But six hundred men turned and fledde to the wilderness vnto the rocke Rimmon, and abode in the rocke Rimmon foure moneths.

48 And the men of Israel turned againe vpon the children of Benjamin, and smote them with the edge of the sword, as well the men of euery cite, as the beast, and all that came to hand: also they set on fire all the cities that they came to.

CHAP. XXI.

1 The people bewaile the desolation of Benjamin. 8 By the destruction of Iabesh Gilead they provide them foure hundred wiues.

16 They aduise them to surprise the virgines that daunced at Shiloh.

NOwe the men of Israel had sworne in Mizpeh, saying, There shall not any of vs giue his daughter vnto Benjamin to wife.

2 And the people came to the house of God, and abode there till euen before God, and lift vp their voices, and wept sore:

3 And said, O LORD God of Israel, why is this come to passe in Israel, that there should bee to day one tribe lacking in Israel:

4 And it came to passe on the morrow, that the people rose early, and built there an Altar, and offered burnt offerings, and peace offerings.

5 And the children of Israel sayd, who is there among all the tribes of Israel, that came not vp with the congregation vnto the LORD: for they had made a great oath concerning him that came not vp to the LORD to Mizpeh, saying, He shall surely be put to death.

6 And the children of Israel repented them for Benjamin their brother, and said, There is one tribe cut off from Israel this day:

7 How shall wee doe for wiues for them that remaine, seeing wee haue sworne by the LORD, that wee will not giue them of our daughters to wiues:

8 And they said, what one is there of the tribes of Israel, that came not vp to Mizpeh to the LORD: And behold, there came none to the campe from Iabesh Gilead to the assembly.

9 For the people were numbred, and behold, there were none of the inhabitants of Iabesh Gilead there.

10 And the congregation sent thither twelue thousand men of the valiantest, and commaunded them, saying, Goe, and smite the inhabitants of Iabesh Gilead with the edge of the sword, with the women and the children.

11 And this is the thing that yee shall doe, * yee shall utterly destroy euery male, and euery woman that hath lien by man.

12 And they found among the inhabitants of Iabesh Gilead, foure hundred yong virgins that had knowen no man, by lying with any male: and they brought them vnto the campe to Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan.

13 And the whole Congregation sent some to speake to the children of Benjamin that were in the rocke Rimmon, and to call peaceably vnto them.

14 And Benjamin came againe at that time, and they gaue them wiues which they had saued alieue of the women of Iabesh Gilead: and yet so they sufficed them not.

15 And the people repented them for Benjamin, because that the LORD had made a breach in the tribes of Israel.

16 Then the Elders of the Congregation said, how shall we doe for wiues for them that remaine: seeing the women are destroyed out of Benjamin.

17 And they said, There must be an inheritance for them that bee escaped of Benjamin, that a tribe be not destroyed out of Israel.

18 Howbeit wee may not giue them wiues of our daughters. For the children of Israel haue sworne, saying, Cursed be he that giueth a wife to Benjamin.

19 Then they said, Behold, there is a feast of the LORD in Shiloh verely, in a place which is on the Northside of Bethel on the East side of the hie way that

* Chap. 21.
13.

† Heb. was found.
† Heb. were found.

* Num. 31.
17.

† Heb. knoweth the lying with man.
† Heb. yong women virgins.

† Heb. and spake and called.
|| Or, proclaimed peace.

† Heb. from yeere to yeere.
|| Or, towards the Sunne rising.
|| Or, on.

that goeth by from Bethel to Shechem, and on the South of Lebanon.

20 Therefore they commanded the children of Benjamin, saying, Goe and lie in wait in the vineyards.

21 And see, and behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out to daunce in daunces, then come yee out of the vineyards, and catch you euery man his wife of the daughters of Shiloh, and goe to the land of Benjamin.

22 And it shall bee when their fathers or their brethren come vnto vs to complaine, that we will say vnto them,

|| Or, gratifie
us in them.

|| Bee fauourable vnto them for our sakes: because we reserued not to each man his wife in the warre: for yee did

not giue vnto them at this time, that you should be guiltie.

23 And the children of Benjamin did so, and tooke them wiues according to their number, of them that daunced, whome they caught: and they went and returned vnto their inheritance, and repaired the cities, and dwelt in them.

24 And the children of Israel departed thence at that time, euery man to his tribe, and to his family, and they went out from thence euery man to his inheritance.

25 * In those dayes there was no King in Israel: euery man did that which was right in his owne eyes.

* Chap. 17,
6. and 18.
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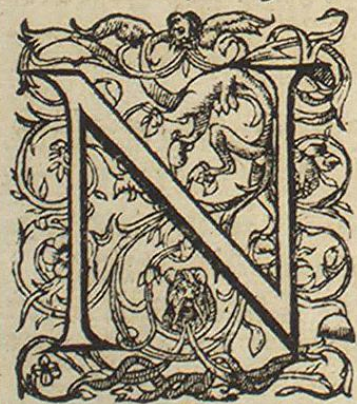


THE BOOKE OF Ruth.

CHAP. I.

1 Elimelech driuen by famine into Moab, dieth there. 4 Mahlon and Chilion, hauing married wiues of Moab, die also. 6 Naomi returning homeward, 8 disswadeth her two daughters in law from going with her. 14 Orpah leaueth her, but Ruth with great constancie accompanieth her. 19 They two come to Bethlehem, where they are gladly receiued.

† Hebr.
iudged.



Nowe it came to passe in the dayes when y^e Judges † ruled, that there was a famine in the land: and a certaine man of Bethlehem Judah, went to sojourne in the countrey of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sonnes.

† Hebr. mere.

2 And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife, Naomi, and the name of his two sonnes, Mahlon, and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehem Judah: and they came into the countrey of Moab, and † continued there.

3 And Elimelech Naomies hus-

band died, and shee was left, and her two sonnes;

4 And they tooke them wiues of the women of Moab: the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about ten yeeres.

5 And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them, and the woman was left of her two sonnes, and her husband.

6 ¶ Then shee arose with her daughters in law, that shee might returne from the countrey of Moab: for shee had heard in the countrey of Moab, how that the LORD had visited his people, in giuing them bread.

7 Wherefore she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters in law with her: and they went on the way to returne vnto the land of Judah.

8 And Naomi said vnto her two daughters in law, Goe, returne each to her mothers house: the LORD deale kindly with you, as ye haue dealt with the dead, and with me.

9 The LORD graunt you, that you may finde rest each of you in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them,